

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Troop strength down by 12,000 at Camp Grayling in '95

Troop strength at Camp Grayling in 1995 will decrease significantly from recent years.

Weekend training will be down about 16 percent from 32,051 troops in 1994 to a total of 26,959 in 1995. Annual summer encampments will show about a 30 percent decrease from a total of 22,415 in 1994 to 15,664 scheduled this year.

Lt. Col. Jerold Foehl, public affairs officer at Camp Grayling said, "When viewed from the perspective of history, the variations, both upward and downward, occur as training requirements change."

The period of heaviest use of the camp will be July 22 until Aug. 5, when the Indiana National Guard is scheduled to bring 5,740 troops to the camp.

The Michigan National Guard is scheduled to train 4,372 troops between June 10 and June 24, and Ohio has scheduled 3,718 troops in camp July 8 until July 22.

Foehl said the number of troops in both weekend and annual training at Camp Grayling could fluctuate slightly without notice, but if any significant increases or decreases occur, the public will be notified in advance.

Camp Grayling - Annual Training 1995

Dates	Major Command	Strength
March 23-April 15	Michigan	419
April 22-May 5	Indiana	44
May 6-May 28	Michigan, Indiana	100
May 13-May 27	U.S. Army Reserve	144
May 20-June 3	U.S. Army Reserve	128
June 10-June 24	Michigan	4,372
June 24-July 8	New Jersey	699
July 8-July 22	Ohio	3,718
July 22-Aug. 5	Indiana	5,740
Aug. 5-Aug. 19	Michigan	164
Aug. 12-Aug. 26	Michigan	146
Yearly total*		15,664*

*Note: Yearly totals cover the period from Oct. 1-Sept. 30.



TROOPS PASS IN REVIEW--1995 will see almost 12,000 fewer troops than last year training at Camp Grayling. Above, troops march in review at the Camp Grayling parade ground.

Camp Grayling - Weekend Training Training Year 1995

Dates	Strength
March 3-March 5	615
March 10-March 12	843
March 24-March 26	206
March 30-April 2	578
April 7-April 9	1,236
April 21-April 23	1,726
April 28-April 30	167
April 30-May 5	12
May 5-May 7	1,041
May 12-May 14	1,474
May 19-May 21	1,697
June 2-June 4	1,143
June 9-June 11	898
June 16-June 18	190
June 22-June 25	635
June 1-June 26	130
June 29-July 2	122
July 7-July 9	591
July 14-July 16	859
July 21-July 23	1,200
Aug. 4-Aug. 6	110
Aug. 11-Aug. 13	321
Aug. 18-Aug. 20	668
Aug. 25-Aug. 27	819
Sept. 8-Sept. 10	1,229
Sept. 15-Sept. 17	1,094
Sept. 2-Sept. 24	496
Yearly Total*	26,959*

*Note: Yearly totals cover the period from Oct. 1-Sept. 30.

Avalanche to print county minutes again

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Score one for involvement of the citizen in keeping local government on its toes. Pressure from one local citizen on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has apparently led to a quiet reversal in its decision not to print the minutes of its meetings in the Crawford County Avalanche.

At a Nov. 30 meeting, the board voted to begin printing minutes of its regularly scheduled meetings, effective Jan. 1, 1995, in the Herald Times ADZ, a Sunday news and shopping guide published by the Gaylord Herald Times Inc. Until that time, minutes of the board meetings had been printed in the Avalanche of Grayling, the county seat of Crawford County.

At that meeting, it was claimed that citizens had requested the change and the commissioners voted to honor the request even though the cost to publish in the ADZ was stated to be about \$20 more per month.

Commissioner McLachlan made the motion to publish minutes in the ADZ for six months while feedback was being gathered on how the change was being received by county citizens. The motion passed the board by a 4-1 vote with commissioner Smock voting against the issue.

In January and early February, the meeting minutes were published in the ADZ, but recently the Avalanche again received the minutes. Knowing there hadn't been a second vote sending the minutes back to the Avalanche, staff members asked whether they were received in error and were told by county clerk Elizabeth Wieland, "print them."

The Avalanche took no part in the original decision, nor in the apparent change of direction of the county, however, one Grayling resident is claiming full responsibility for the change.

When he heard of the decision to

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Military concludes howitzer misfire due to several firing team errors

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Detailed investigations by the Michigan National Guard and Illinois National Guard have determined that a white phosphorous howitzer round (smoke round) fired from the Camp Grayling range-40 complex on July 18, 1994 that landed in a Guthrie Lake residential area, was the fault of human error.

The round was fired by C Battery, 2-123 Field Artillery Battalion of the Illinois National Guard 66th Infantry Brigade at approximately 8 p.m. on Monday, July 18. It impacted within 30 feet of the summer residence of Robert and Joan Hutton at 11791 Huntington, in Otsego County's Guthrie Lake area.

At the time of impact, the Huttons were not at home and didn't arrive on the scene until after 10 p.m.

According to a report from the Michigan State Police, who investigated the impact scene, shrapnel from the round peppered the Hutton residence, breaking windows and penetrating through exterior walls. The largest shrapnel fragment, approximately three inches by six and three-quarters inches, penetrated a living room window and exited through a back wall landing approximately 74 feet beyond the building in a neighbor's yard.

The round was fired from the southeast corner of range 40, almost five and one-half miles away and was supposed to land within the range impact area. Because of an error in loading the cannon's propellant charge, it overshot its intended target by about two and one-half miles.

According to a report, filed July 19, 1994, by the field artillery executive and investigating officer Maj. Neal

Kemp, one howitzer crewman, Sgt. Jeremy Clark, was acting as the cannoner loading rounds, as well as performing as the section chief verifying each propellant charge.

Another crewman, Sgt. Joseph Switzer, was preparing each charge of propellant. Howitzer propellant is packaged in increments of seven attached charges. This firing mission was a "charge 4" mission and in a two-shot volley, Switzer cut four charges for the first round, but left all seven charges in the second.

Clark did not verify the charge on the second round fired.

When it was discovered that a "7-charge" round had been fired, the officer in charge, 1Lt. David Patch, who was acting as assistant gunner, ordered firing from that cannon stopped and requested a plot of possible impact for the stray round.

Forward observers were not able to observe the round, nor were they aware of the total number of rounds fired.

Kemp's conclusions, as stated in his investigation report were; an incorrect amount of propellant was loaded; verification of the propellant was not done; one man was acting in two separate firing capacities; and standard operational procedure, safety procedure and field artillery doctrine were not followed.

His recommendations were that Patch be relieved as officer in charge and Clark be relieved as section chief pending recertification in howitzer safety responsibilities; that Battery C undergo remedial safety training; and that Patch and Clark be reprimanded for failure to follow safe firing procedures.

Kemp's findings and recommendations, and statements from members of Battery C, were reviewed by investigators of Michigan

National Guard field artillery units who agreed with his conclusions and documented the following findings:

a) The Battery Executive Officer should not have been filling in as assistant gunner when the Chief of Firing Battery was not in the position. There was no one available to supervise the remainder of the firing battery.

b) The section chief's voluntary assumption of the duties of the cannoner distracted him from his howitzer section safety duties.

c) The forward observer did not observe all rounds fired.

d) The unobserved round was not reported by the forward observer to

the fire detection center or range-40 control.

e) Sgt. Switzer, who had the responsibility of cutting the correct charge, failed to do so.

The report closed by saying, "The possibility of an incident of this magnitude exists with any field artillery unit. This accident was unfortunate, but attention to detail on the part of 1Lt. Patch, Sgt. Clark and Sgt. Switzer could have prevented it. While you can't rule out human error, an aggressive safety officer and (non-commissioned officer) training program will go a long way in preventing such occurrences."

Youngest and oldest



COUNTY REPUBLICANS--Nelson Miles, 92, and Lucas Lowe, seven months, claim to be on the same point in the political continuum. See story on page 1C.

County commission to meet

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m., in the Crawford County Courthouse.

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COPS provides funding to local Sheriff's dept.

By Linda Sherwood
 Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department will receive \$73,683 thanks to last year's crime bill, according to Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Levin announced Michigan will be able to hire 244 police officers statewide under the latest round of police hires funded by last year's crime bill.

Whether the money will be used to hire a new deputy in Crawford County or used to offset current wages is still unclear. Last June, Crawford County lost one deputy when he moved. Sheriff David Lovely replaced the deputy by putting his undersheriff out on the road where he was needed.

"It's a 50 percent match, the match decreases every year," said Lovely explaining the funds. "Right now we are unsure whether that will cover the replacement or have to be a new hire and if the county will have to match it."

Lovely said they are at hold until they find out the criteria for funding. Lovely hopes to put someone new out on the street, but the county budget might not allow it.

"The funding is for community type policing, get more personalized, which is what I've been shooting for for a long time," said Lovely.

Levin said, "We in Michigan are continuing to reap the benefits of the crime bill. This latest round of new police will bring the total number of cops hired in Michigan as a result of the crime bill to 484, and there are more new police to come."

The new round of police hires are under the COPS FAST program administered by the Department of Justice. The COPS FAST program is for communities with less than 50,000 residents.

This is the third round of COPS hiring programs. The first, COPS PHASE I, provided \$5.3 million in federal funds for 73 new police officers in Michigan. The second, COPS AHEAD, was targeted towards communities of over 50,000 residents, and provided \$12.5 million to hire 167 new

Most deserving students of the month

MOST DESERVING STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Frederic Elementary School students (Back, L-R) Ashley Bancroft, Sean Doyle, Jamie Zelek, Maeghan Corwin, and Derek Wilder. (Front, L-R) Jenny VanNuck, Chris Francis, Michele Belcher, Jenny Brunell and Christen McBride. These students received a certificate, book, bumper sticker and the Frederic Eagle pin.



Local Girl Scout troop receives flag

Girl Scout Troop 2103 of Grayling, received an American flag from the Grayling Memorial VFW Post 5832 on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at their meeting. Senior Vice-Commander Dan Ellis presented the flag to troop leader Chris Cox with her scout troop standing by.



RECEIVING AMERICAN FLAG—(left to right) Girl Scout Erin Cox, Chris Cox, troop leader, Sr. Vice-Commander Dan Ellis, and Girl Scout Amanda Boone.

police officers in Michigan.

The latest and largest round of hiring under the COPS FAST program will provide approximately \$16.7 million to hire new police officers in Michigan. The funds will allow over 200 police and sheriff's departments around the state to hire new officers.

The next round of police hiring will be through the COPS MORE program. This program is designed to redeploy officers currently working behind desks by providing money for support staff, new equipment and overtime pay.

Avalanche to print minutes of commission meetings

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publish minutes in the ADZ, Norman Bancroft researched, wrote and delivered a document to the county pointing out the legal definition of a newspaper, relative to the publication of notices, as established by Michigan court rule.

That rule states that a newspaper must disseminate local news which, a) must have a list of paying subscribers or has been published at not less than weekly intervals in the same community without interruption for at least two years, b) has been established, published and circulated at not less than weekly intervals without interruption for at least one year in the county where the court is situated, and c) annually averages at least 25 percent news and editorial content per issue.

Bancroft pointed out that the ADZ of Sunday, Feb. 5 contained only 16 to 18 percent news and editorials, with the only local (Crawford County) news being the commission minutes.

His conclusion stated, "According to this statute, the minutes must be published in the only newspaper established, published and circulated in the county, the Crawford County Avalanche."

1st Anniversary Thank You Celebration at Stevens Family Circle

Stevens Family Circle would like to thank all of the regular customers who have contributed to our success in this first year here in the community of Grayling!

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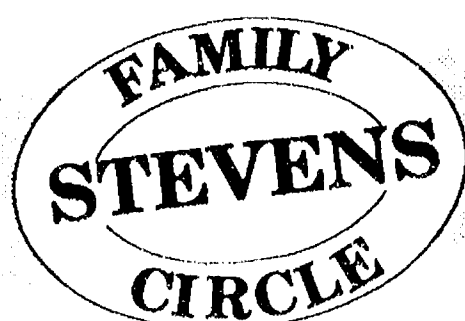
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At 6:30 pm we will close for a quick clean-up, then re-open at 8:00 pm for an adult Sock Hop dance featuring the live sounds of "Batteries Not Included." We will all have a great time rockin' to the sounds of the 50s and 60s and kickin' up our heels.

So come and join us for a real good time! Admission to the Sock Hop is only \$3, but if you come in vintage dress, you'll get \$1 off admission.



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Community News Briefs

Local agency gains national affiliation

H. T. Productions, Inc., a local full-service travel agency for Grayling, Roscommon, and Higgins Lake, is pleased to announce that it has recently completed requirements to become affiliated with Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), the trade association for the cruise industry. As a result, H. T. Productions, Inc. have created a new "Cruise Headquarters" that will focus solely on the cruise business. The new department will be staffed by a trained cruise professional whose job will be to help clients choose the cruise that's right for them.

"The cruise industry is booming," said Howard Taylor, owner of H. T.

Productions, Inc. "Consumers are discovering that cruises are a terrific, all-inclusive vacation value."

According to CLIA, cruising is the fastest growing segment of the travel and tourism market, with a 10-percent annual growth rate. By the year 2000, more than eight million people are expected to cruise annually, with more than 4,000 annual cruises from which to choose.

H. T. Productions, Inc. is located at 6771 S. Military Road, between Camp Grayling and Higgins Lake. For additional information, contact their "Cruise Headquarters" at 1-800-624-0221, or local calls to 348-5187.

Local RE/MAX realtors receive awards

Realtors with RE/MAX of Grayling were recently honored by the RE/MAX Real Estate System for outstanding sales and service in 1994. They received their awards at the RE/MAX of Michigan 16th Annual Regional Conference held Feb. 9-11, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City.

Charlene Scheer, broker/owner, received the RE/MAX President's Club award for helping 27 families with their real estate transactions in 1994, which is above the national industry average of 7.5 transactions per year. Craig Hinkle, broker/owner, was presented with the prestigious RE/MAX 100 Percent Club Award for helping 63 or more families with their real estate transactions (eight times the industry average).

According to Norman Helm, co-regional director for RE/MAX of Michigan, "Individuals who receive awards from the RE/MAX Real Estate

System are in the top five percent of all sales associates in the real estate industry today. This year RE/MAX of Michigan honored 405 associates for their outstanding achievements in real estate sales, as well as for their full-time commitment to service. You don't become an award winner in RE/MAX or any other company without first thoroughly meeting the needs of your clients and customers."

RE/MAX of Grayling, located at 5728 M-72 West in Grayling, has been open since 1994 under Charlene Scheer and Craig Hinkle, broker/owners. The company has three sales associates and is an affiliate of RE/MAX of Michigan, the regional real estate franchisor for all territories outside of the Detroit metro area, which currently serves the state with over 74 independently owned and operated offices and 625 RE/MAX sales associates. There are over 98 offices and 1,000 sales associates throughout Michigan.

Mystery writer John Smolens to read at Kirtland College

Kirtland Community College's Controlled Burn Reading Series is proud to announce that its next reader will be novelist and short-story writer, John Smolens. Smolens is the author of two novels, both of them literary-detective pieces: *Winter by Degrees* and *Angel's Head*. He has also published a number of short stories in literary magazines across the country.

Smolens, an award-winning writer whose credentials include fellowships from the Michigan Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. He currently teaches literature and writing at Michigan State University. His stories have been anthologized in numerous collections and they have appeared in such magazines as *Yankee*, *The Massachusetts Review*, and *The Boston Globe*.

Smolens' reading is the second reading this semester in Kirtland Community College's Controlled Burn reading series, and will take place Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Kirtland's Continuing Education Center (the former Kirtland House) on College Drive which neighbors the college's campus. The reading is free and open to the public. A reception with book signing will follow.

Before the reading, Smolens will be holding an open-to-the-public discussion regarding writing and the writing life in Room 5 in Kirtland's Academic Building. Copies of one of his stories will be available before hand to allow for discussion. The public is encouraged to attend both of these functions.

For more information regarding this reading, the Controlled Burn Series, or any of the literary programs at Kirtland Community College, contact Gerry LaFemina at 517-275-5121 ext. 376.

Rep. Lowe strives to protect veterans fund

A constitutional amendment to protect the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund from budget raids would be placed on the November 1996 ballot under a resolution approved by the state House.

"We owe it to those who put their lives on the line for our country," said Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, who sponsored the proposal.

The fund was recently repaid \$11.5 million after repeated raids during tough economic times. Advocates want the constitutional guarantee so the fund will remain untouched throughout future cyclical downturns.

Lowe, who chairs the House Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs, also sponsored legislation to replenish the depleted fund last session. Created in 1943, the fund provides temporary assistance to state veterans and their dependents during personal emergencies.

"Unfortunately, money set aside for veterans was siphoned off for other uses," said Lowe.

Since its inception, the fund has battled constantly with the legislative and executive branches over how the trust's resources should be spent. During the last 40 years, the fund was hit repeatedly to cover shortfalls in the state's general fund.

"Finding expedient cures to our budget problems has forced this fund to endure countless attacks on its authority, integrity and purpose," Lowe said. "Rather than jeopardize the fund's future, we should practice better budget discipline. It is important to make certain history doesn't repeat itself. This constitutional amendment will ensure the fund's safety."

House Joint Resolution H now goes to the Senate for further consideration.

4-H offers lifeguard class

4-H will be offering a lifeguard class beginning Wednesday, March 15. Students must be at least 15 years of age and have a CPR certificate. A separate CPR class will be offered for those needing the certificate. There must be at least six students minimum registered and maximum of 10.

The cost for this class is \$18 plus \$17 for books. Call the 4-H Extension office at 348-2841, extension 264, to register for the class.

Hospice with Loving Care holds volunteer training in Grayling

Hospice with Loving Care, a program of Hospice of Michigan, is expanding their volunteer services department and is currently accepting applications for the volunteer spring training program. Classes will be held on Tuesday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 28, at the Hospice with Loving Care office in Grayling.

According to hospice volunteers service manager Janeen Christensen, "We are recruiting volunteers from all areas of Crawford, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties to help better service our patients and families. The emphasis on this training program will be to combine portions of our original 1984 training with todays. Taking us back to our roots will be an exciting learning tool."

There are many areas of service for volunteers, including: Clerical

support, fund-raising, public service, and the ever-so-needed patient care.

"Patient care is the most rewarding kind of volunteer work — you get to know the patients and families in a way that not only touches their lives but also yours," said hospice volunteer Aimee Dustman.

If you are a compassionate individual, interested in donating your time to provide care and support to terminally-ill patients and their families, contact Janeen Christensen at 517-275-8967 to pre-register. This training class will be for residents of Crawford, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Jackie and Max Prosser are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlin Marie, on Feb. 20, 1995, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. Caitlin weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

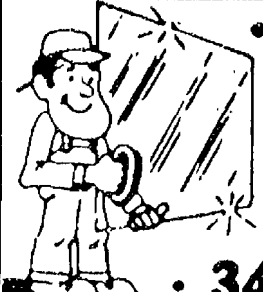
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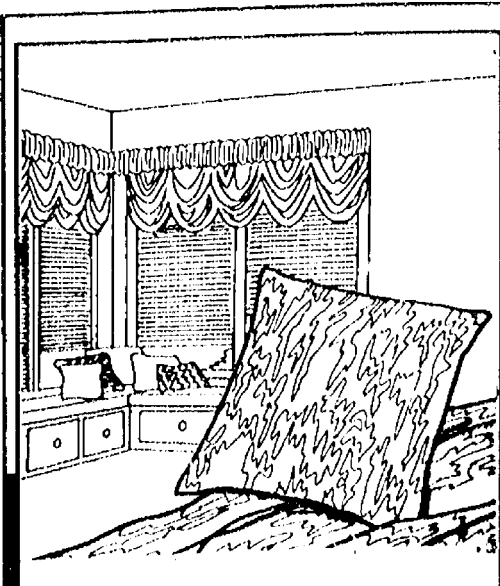
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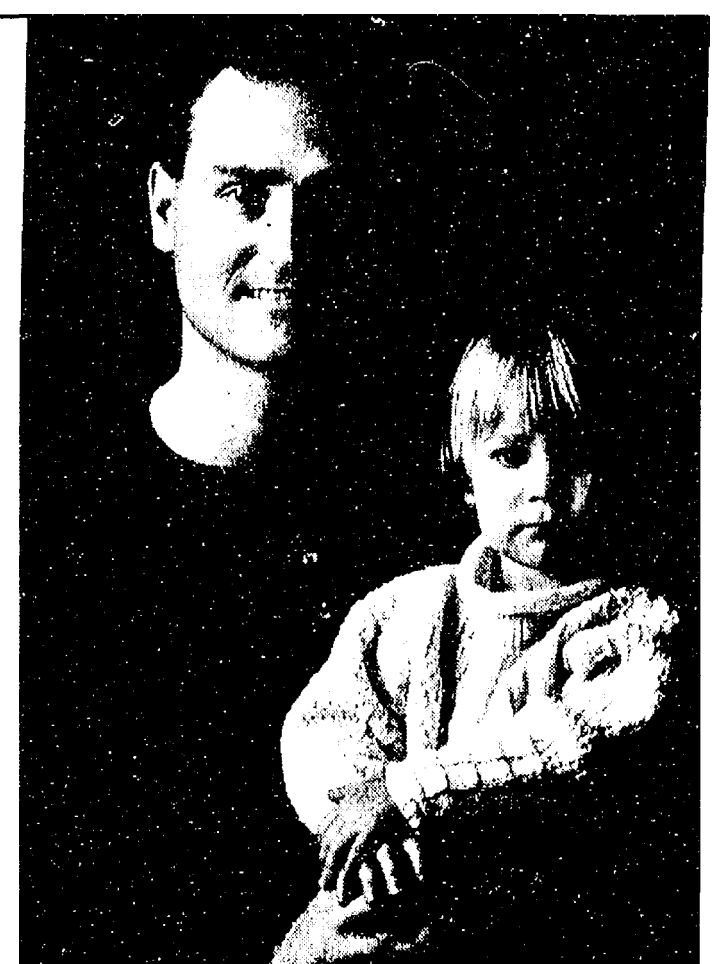
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yes or no?

To the editor:

In recent weeks a number of citizens have provided articles concerning the forthcoming millage election for the Crawford AuSable School District. So far, with the exception of Dr. Steffe's appeal to senior citizens and the "citizen's ad," many comments have been negative. Some reasoning toward these negative attitudes may be justified, others are coming to the surface grounded mostly on hearsay and/or misinformation.

I am active in the Grayling Elementary School as a para-professional teacher in the classroom. Our assignments are primarily geared toward "children at risk." Many of these children have the capacity to make very good progress, but need the extra attention to filter into the mainstream of class activity. Working with a young child on a one-on-one contact is the most rewarding experience and has already been proven to bring results. Many children at risk are those who crave attention, need reassurance and are easily distracted with short attention spans.

At this time there is not a spot for the 35 para-professional teachers to meet with these children. Extra tables are in the hallways where traffic is constant. Noises come directly from the gym and cooking odors from the kitchen

entice thoughts of lunch in preference to reading or working with math. Because of the limited space, scheduling is almost an impossible task and interruptions are the rule of the day.

Through the years I have raised five children of my own, have served as PTA president and worked with the public schools in a variety of school districts in the state. Since I have been teaching in different fields throughout my life, I know that it is possible for children to achieve certain levels of learning, disregarding of their circumstances, home environment, or other obstacles that might hinder them.

Whatever criticism there might be toward individuals in the system, or the system itself, it would be a crime to penalize the children for the shortsightedness of adults. All the cries about high school drop-outs, crime among youth and drug traffic, are not going to be solved unless we can show young children that there is a better way and a caring community.

I would like to invite all those who have "no votes" on their mind to come to school one day. I am sure there would be many to provide guided tours and even give you the opportunity to be a teacher for a few hours! We can only win with a "yes" vote on March 21. Hertha Laupmanis

Going public with school support will not hurt business

To the editor:

The ground swell of enthusiasm for the "YES/YES" campaign has caused some concern for some business people. There have been comments about staying neutral and hurting business by going public with support. We don't agree!

We have been in business in this community for 20 years. We have always financially and publicly supported all issues that contribute to the quality of life in this community. There was a term of 12-years service on the board of education, which is a controversial situation at best however, guess what folks?.....

We are still in business and doing fine. We do not believe that the negative population will have any effect on the businesses of this community unless they successfully drag us down to nothingness. We will be the losers. They will still have their

homes here and go on about what they do. Where will you be if your business goes down the tubes? Where will you live and work?

Stand up and be counted. The positive element of this community is showing its force. Analyze your customers, clients, patients and patrons. You will be pleasantly surprised to find that the positive population is the majority of your business. Support them as they have supported you.

The bottom line — supporting the concept of quality in your community insures continued success in business and life. Make Crawford County a good place to work, live and enjoy. The business and professional community can and will make the difference. Run an ad — put a poster in your window — wear a button — yes, yes, yes, yes, yes!

Luke and Pauline Petrosky

Senior will vote for the kids

To the editor:

When I was a student in a small rural town in Penna, the school was so small there was no sixth grade. So, when I passed from the fifth to the sixth grade, there was no place to go. The final decision by the one teacher, was for me to "take the fifth twice" (no pun).

I shall never forget how some of the people reacted to some of the bad situations that existed in the school system. They met with the board of education and decided to build a horse-drawn school wagon so we could be transported to the next town to a much

larger school.

The hue and cry by some was, "This school wagon and the labor of hiring a driver is going to cost a lot of money," while a good number of concerned people in the town felt that we ought to have a better educational advantage.

Now that I am a senior citizen (this side of 90) I still can remember some of the names of those thoughtful people.

So, as a senior citizen, I want to vote for the kids, and I hope my friends will give this matter serious and thoughtful consideration. Bill Fraser



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Best of wars: Both win

Which reminds me of the mess in which the United States was mired in Vietnam.

One big question after the tide of public opinion had turned so sharply against the Vietnam war was how could the United States get out of it with some sort of honor.

The best answer of the time was to declare victory and go home. But, it didn't happen that way.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that seven guys recently paid \$50,000 each to dine on lamb and pasta with Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Proceeds went to National Empowerment Television, a conservative cable network, that among other things, airs Mr. Gingrich's weekly talk show.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS that Peru and Ecuador recently declared a cease-fire in their border dispute. It may or may not hold.

In reporting the truce, the Miami Herald said: "Ecuador and Peru both declared victory in the nearly 3-week conflict, which has left at least 49 people dead and 100 wounded. The two countries have fought over the rain forest at the headwaters of the Cenepa River three times since 1941."

Obviously, this is a serious issue — at least to Peru and Ecuador and to the 150 or so casualties and their loved ones.

But, if there must be war, this is the best kind — where the fighting can stop and both sides win.

Writer asks for modified school proposal

To the editor:

In response to the letters to the editor, especially the two doctor's comments, I would like to make the following observations.

Most people, I'm sure, would agree to spend more money toward education, if it could be proven that money had anything to do with learning.

I don't believe that anyone wants our children to suffer or are against giving them a good education. Far from it, but the kind of proposals that have been placed before the beleaguered taxpayers is unreasonable. If the elementary school is overcrowded, why doesn't the school place a "no frills" proposal on the ballot, such as adding classrooms to the existing elementary school, which would ease this situation. I believe this would pass. When you cannot afford a Cadillac, you may have to settle for a Ford. Our school board is not only proposing a Cadillac, they are proposing a "Porsche" that is fully loaded with every option. This just isn't "Porsche country."

I totally agree with Mrs. Paulus' recent, thoughtful letter, especially when she commented on how wealthy people can afford to pay their taxes with no trouble or hardship, but that isn't true for a large majority of people living in this county. I well remember the furor over the middle school. The proposal was to tear the school down and build a brand new school somewhere else. The voters were told at the time that remodeling was totally out of the question. They pulled the same tactics then and kept coming back and back to the voters who kept turning it down.

Finally they put the remodeling proposal on the ballot and the voters approved it. Let's thank the voters, and everyone involved, for how beautiful it turned out to be.

From what I've been able to observe, the folks that are placed on the committees to study various needs of schools and draw up these proposals are hand-picked by the school establishment. They, therefore, have no qualms about asking for the moon and will settle for nothing less.

The displaying of pictures in the paper of children having their lunch in the hallway is also ridiculous — why not have more lunch periods so students could eat at different times in the cafeteria?

Buildings do not make better students. I also question where all this so called "growth" is coming from. In the past three decades that I have lived here, I have seen very little growth. Weyerhaeuser came here 15 years ago, but we had lost Bear Archery. Most of the students who graduate don't come back here to live because there are so few good-paying jobs. More than 70 percent of our county is state and federally owned. So tell me, where are the (honest) statistics to support your figures? Fast-food restaurants are not my idea of growth.

Grayling is basically a small resort community, blessed with God's created beauty, with very little industry to support tax proposals of this magnitude.

Be realistic, and give us a modified proposal that will both benefit the children, as well as the people who must eke out a living here.

Lydia Welser

Not too long ago, then Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, called on the public carpet for charging folks \$10,000 to have breakfast with him in a special fund-raising fund effort. Mr. Bentsen dropped the whole idea.

What's the difference? Except for the price tag and the menu, it all smells seamy to me.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS controversy continues to swirl around the job of surgeon general of the United States.

First Dr. Joycelyn Elders and later Dr. Henry Foster, Jr., went through the wringer because President Bill Clinton appointed them to what is really a meaningless job.

What power does the surgeon general wield, except for political relations?

Why all the fuss about who holds the job, except for political maneuvering?

Why can't Mr. Clinton find someone for the job — if it should be filled at all — who can stand political and public approval?

Why all the fuss in the first place?

I SEE BY THE PAPERS baseball continues to be all fouled up.

Miami Sports editor Ed Pope pointed out the average salary of the four spokesmen the players sent to the

White House to chin with the President was \$4.5 million — and they're "on strike."

Down in Florida, a 9-year-old fan, Andrew Rose, showed up at the Atlanta Braves training camp with a new baseball looking for autographs. Andrew blames the players, according to a story in the *Palm Beach Post*.

"I play Little League and I don't get paid," said Andrew. "Heck, I pay to play Little League."

If anybody cares anymore, maybe a team of Little Leaguers with an attitude like Andrew Rose's should be empowered to settle the dispute.

NUTS AND JOLTS — Some column closing Nuts and Jolts by Hod Shewell:

• College graduates with AB degrees soon discover that in the real world they must know the rest of the alphabet.

• Californians wandering in today's smog and rain must wonder how Balboa ever discovered the Pacific Ocean.

• Burn the candle at both ends and you may sag in the middle.

• Being diplomatic is thinking twice and then saying nothing.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter

Not long ago, as I was going out to check the bee hive, I heard the hoarse croak of an approaching raven, and while there is not anything too unusual about such an occurrence, it suddenly became apparent this bird was going to and did land perhaps 50 feet from me. A raven is a large bird, and this one was close enough to really appreciate. Almost as it landed it gave voice to a low croak and tilted its head to one side as if it were saying hello.

The naturalist part of me was thinking one thing, but it was the Native American part that came out with a soft, "ho brother how are you?" The bird tilted its head the other way and gave forth with a different toned croak. I asked "what do you want of me brother?" That big black bird shook its head slightly, gave another low croak and lifted itself into the air to leave both parts of me in wonder. Ten or 15 seconds had passed, but every detail is sharp, right down to the glint in the bird's eye.

The Far Back People have a number of stories in which raven is the central character and one story relates how raven brought light to the world. In those far back times the world was dark, but as the raven was bumping through the forest he saw a glimmer of light. When he crept up closely to see what was going on he found the sea

gull fastening shut a box from which bright light shone. When the sea gull flew off with the box, raven followed. At sea gull's lodge, raven peeked in just as the box was opened just a crack to suddenly flood the lodge with light. As raven watched, sea gull went about his work without a stumble or a bump. Raven realized what a treasure this light was and resolved to get it away from sea gull so everybody could have some.

While sea gull slept, raven clipped thorny hawthorn branches and covered the path from the lodge to the water where sea gull had tied his canoe. Raven untied the canoe and pushed it away from shore, then he shouted to sea gull that the canoe was gone. When sea gull rushed down the path he got many thorns in his feet and legs, whereupon raven offered to help pull the thorns, but he could only get the really big ones. He told sea gull he wished he could see better so sea gull opened the box just a very little. Raven finally said I can hardly see these really little thorns, and when sea gull opened the box a little more raven bumped sea gull and the box fell wide open letting the light escape to spread across the world. That is why the sea gull complains all day long, and we have day and night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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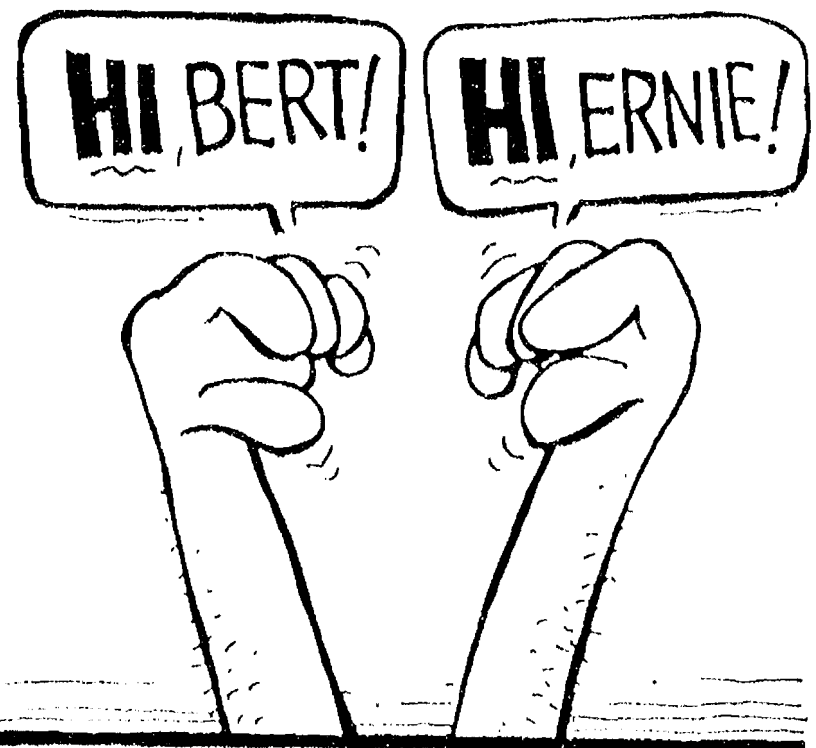
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Gun nuts? More prove than dispute description

At first, I was disappointed by the headline over my Feb. 1 column: "Gun nuts don't get it, but their victims do."

Many readers don't realize that newspaper writers don't write their own headlines, editors do. I knew I'd be getting some nasty flak from gun lovers who don't appreciate being called nuts.

"Gun lovers" is the description I used in that column for people who oppose all gun controls, even restrictions on the public ownership of semiautomatic military assault weapons. I never call them gun nuts because that implies that they're crazed, loony, stupid, idiotic, etc. I know too many gun lovers too much smarter than I am.

But then the gun lovers' phone messages began to come in, and I began to wonder if I should bow to that headline writer's judgment. Only a couple complained about being called nuts. But exactly 23 were nuts enough

to give me the same perfect straight line.

Thanks for the ammo

I mean, they looped in a soft ball that begged to be knocked out of the park. When you're arguing against a stupid columnist who needs all the help he can get, you shouldn't give him the ammunition needed to easily make you look nuts. But that's what those gun lovers did when, essentially, they each told me:

"If you're going to control guns because they kill people, you should also ban cars, because they also kill people."

It is understood, of course, that real gun lovers use "ban" and "control" interchangeably, because the two words supposedly mean the same thing: If the government is allowed to control the private ownership of nuclear weapons by duck hunters, that will unquestionably be the first step toward an inevitable ban on the private

ownership of every firearm ever made, including pop guns that shoot stringed corks.

So naturally, it won't be long before the government confiscates your car. Speed limits, parking ordinances, emission regulations, seat belts, stoplights... all those safety controls are obviously only sneaky steps toward an inevitable ban on the private ownership of cars.

Because car accidents kill people, the same as gunshots.

Never mind the stupid argument that cars are made for a worthwhile purpose — transportation — and accidents are an unfortunate byproduct, but the only purpose of assault weapons is to shoot people. The more important point is that Michigan just banned neon lights on cars, so start shopping for a bike.

Nutty rocker

Speaking of stupid, did you catch rocker Ted Nugent on J. P. McCarthy's



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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator, and Henrietta Baas, R.N., Nursing Supervisor

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My child transferred school districts this year. When enrolled, the school asked for immunization records and said additional shots were needed. What is the purpose of this?

Answer: Schools are required by law to report to the State the immunization dates of all new school enterers, which includes students entering kindergarten and those

transferring from another school district. Parents should bring their child's immunization records when enrolling their children in school. The State requires schools to send the first immunization report on Nov. 1; the second report is due Feb. 1. Students who have not received all of the required immunizations may be excluded from school. Eventually, some of the school's funding will be based on the level of immunizations the school can prove.

Every year, school personnel spend countless hours and dollars trying to track down the immunization dates of students entering their school. Additional time is spent in motivating parents to get the immunizations their children are lacking. Most of this could be eliminated if parents kept health records in a safe place and brought them to school when enrolling

their children.

Immunization records should be kept for a lifetime. Other instances in which they may be needed are: 1) In case of an injury to determine whether or not a tetanus shot is needed; 2) Enrollment in college or graduate school; 3) To determine rubella immunity before pregnancy.

Adults should also get and keep records of their immunizations. Surveys show a large percentage of adults have inadequate protection against tetanus and diphtheria.

However, school reports and funding are not the most important reasons for shots and records. All children and adults should be protected against these diseases which may cause disability or may be life threatening.

Immunizations are available at your family doctor or at the health department in your area.

WJR radio show the other morning? When McCarthy questioned Nugent's opposition to controls on the manufacture and ownership of military semiautomatic assault weapons, Nugent said the Constitution made him do it.

Dare I say nuts?

No federal gun law has ever overturned a gun law on Second-Amendment grounds. In the United States vs. Miller in 1939, for example, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the "obvious purpose" of the amendment was "to assure the continuation and render possible the effectiveness" of the state militia. And since a modern militia doesn't use privately owned firearms, laws concerning such guns don't violate the Second Amendment.

It appears clear to me that assault-gun controls don't violate the Constitution and won't inevitably cost Nugent his favorite pea shooter. But what do I know? I'm so nuts I also believe Nugent can run a red light without losing his car.

Onward and Upward, and I want to thank all you callers for the wonderful straight line.

Got a message for Fitz, phone 1-313-222-8755 anytime.

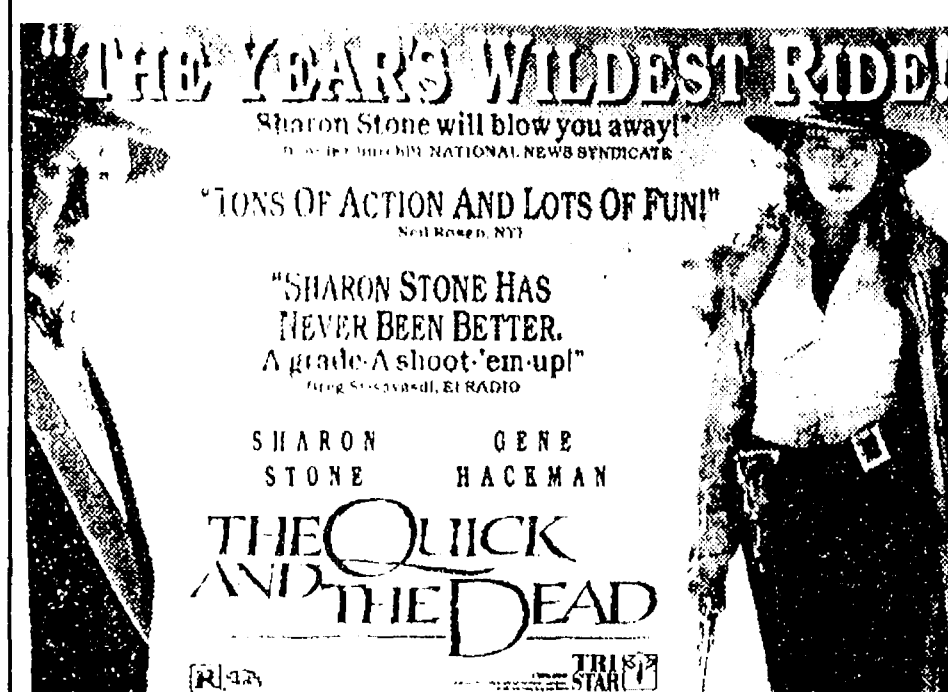
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FRI. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VB DISTRICTS. BBB VS. ELK RAPIDS, home, 6 pm. WRESTLING STATE TEAM FINALS.
SAT. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT Group, Roscommon Community Center, 2-4 pm, call 517-275-4671. KIRTLAND CENTER for the Performing Arts presents "The Chenille Sisters", 8 pm. Call 517-275-5121, ext. 225. VB DISTRICTS. MS DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL.
SUN. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK winter nature series "Tall Tales And True", 2 pm. Call 348-2537 for more information. JR. PRO MEETING @ Grayling Holiday Inn.
MON. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6:30 pm. KIWANIS LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12:10 pm. BBB DISTRICTS through March 12th. FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE for baseball, softball, girls golf. GRAYLING ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADE CONCERT @ Grayling Elementary gym, 7 pm.
TUES. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE @ county building, 10:30 am - 2 pm. GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT Association meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable River Restaurant, 7 pm. GRAYLING ELEMENTARY 2ND GRADE concert @ Grayling Elementary gym, 7 pm. NORTH CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER #19, State Employee Retirees Assoc., regular meeting @ Houghton Lake Community building, 2 pm.
WED. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROTARY LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. WEIGHT WATCHER'S MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.



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Women account for 75% of state's job growth

Women and teenagers were among the biggest beneficiaries of Michigan's strong economic performance in 1994, according to preliminary estimates released recently by the state agency that tracks work-force developments.

"Employment among adult women in Michigan rose by 4.6 percent last year, outpacing the state's overall average of 2.7 percent," F. Robert Edwards, director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC), reported. "The largest percentage increase, however, occurred among teenagers, as the number of working teens climbed by 7.7 percent."

The number of working women in Michigan grew by 85,000, reaching

1,936,000 in 1994. Employment growth among women accounted for more than 75 percent of the state's total employment gain for the year.

Teenager employment rose by 19,000 to 265,000. Employment also rose among African Americans, increasing by 10,000 to 492,000, a gain of 2.1 percent.

Adult males registered an employment gain of 0.6 percent, as their employment level increased by 13,000 to 2,290,000.

As a whole, employment across Michigan rose by 110,000 to a record-high average 4,473,000. The work force also reached a new high, climbing to 4,753,000, surpassing the previous mark of 4,690,000 set in 1993.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

So you're "thirty-something" and you've been working and paying into Social Security for 10 years or more. Now, you're thinking about the years that lie ahead until you're "sixty-something" and can start receiving Social Security retirement benefits. This is a good-news/bad-news situation.

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But there's more to Social Security than just the monthly checks you'll receive when you retire. All through those years you are working and paying into Social Security, you and your family are protected by the disability and survivors programs.

This means that if you become disabled and are unable to do any kind of work for which you are suited for at least 12 months, you could receive monthly Social Security disability

checks. To get those checks, you must have worked and paid Social Security taxes for up to five years just prior to becoming disabled, and earned enough credits to be fully insured — no more than 10 years of work.

The chances of becoming disabled or dying before reaching retirement age are not as remote as you may think. Studies show that about 42 percent of men and 30 percent of women will die or become disabled before reaching their retirement years. If this happens to you, not only would you receive Social Security benefits, but your spouse and young children may qualify as well.

No one likes to think that they will be disabled or die before enjoying a long life. But it should be comforting to know that if the unthinkable happens, you and your family will have a safety net.

To learn more about the Social Security programs and what they mean to you, call or visit your Social Security office and ask for a copy of "Understanding Social Security." You also can call the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

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M.S.U. EXTENSION

By Elizabeth McMillin, Family Nutrition Education
Program Coordinator, Crawford County MSU Extension

Eating right is hard to do

Americans are making healthier food choices, whatever the reason. But one in 10 still refuses to link health with food, according to surveys by *HealthFocus* of Emmaus, PA.

In surveys taken in 1990 and 1992, health-conscious Americans were separated into five attitudinal groups based on what they thought about nutrition. The 10 percent who say they never think about healthy eating were not segmented.

"Managers" are the most common and most rapidly growing segment, representing 50 percent of health-conscious Americans, up from 36 percent in 1990. Managers look for short-term results and are likely to choose foods that enhance their mental or physical condition. They eat more poultry and less beef than other groups and claim to be increasing their bran intake. But one in three eats ice cream at least once a week!

"Investors" are the second largest group, representing 27 percent of health-conscious eaters, a sharp decline

from 45 percent in 1990. Investors are the group most likely to be eating for their future health and they don't need warnings from doctors or friends. They are the group most likely to say they have decreased use of additives and are least tempted by junk food.

"Healers" — 11 percent — are repairing the damage of a nutritionally ill-spent youth. This segment has grown from nine percent in 1990. Nearly three-quarters of healers are 50 and older and suffer from a myriad of chronic diseases, including arthritis, high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol. They are determined to make lifestyle changes to improve their health.

They are the group most likely to say they have decreased pork consumption and are cutting salt and fat from their diets. Sixty-six percent use low-sodium products at least once a week, and 68 percent avoid butter.

"Strugglers" — 10 percent, up from seven percent — have the hardest time maintaining a healthy diet. They are

most likely to describe their diet as unhealthy. Almost all say they would like to eat healthy foods more often. But they are more likely than any other group to eat white bread, use butter and drink non-diet soda. They are the youngest group — more than half are under age 40 — and they have the lowest incomes.

"Disciples" were the smallest group

in 1992 at two percent, a decline from three percent in 1990. But they are a highly committed group, with the largest proportion of 30 to 39 year olds. Disciples are the group most likely to avoid meats and eat meat substitutes and soy products. They have increased their vegetable consumption in the past two years, but 58 percent eat cookies at least once a week and 62 percent eat butter weekly.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Faith Stripe and Dena Kolb returned from a 2-week vacation to Anna Marie Island, FL. They attended a concert and enjoyed the Ringling Brothers Museum. They also spent one day in Lakeland where they visited friends of the Stripes.

The Tuesday Bridge Club met at the

home of Mrs. Marian Joseph on Feb. 21. Prizes were won by Ann DuBois, Pearl Tucker and Jean Gothro. Guests were Jayne Hayes, Joyce Vogelsberg and Martelle Lietz.

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The Big Tree Hunt contest is a search for the largest trees in Michigan cities, villages, or townships. Prizes will be awarded for the largest tree found in each county and the state, as well as for the largest white pine, Michigan's state tree. Trees on state or federal land are not eligible.

Winners of the Big Tree Hunt will

be honored at the 1995 Arbor Day celebration on April 28 in Lansing. The time and specific location of this event will be announced when determined.

Entry forms for the contest may be obtained from DNR Region and District offices, local Soil Conservation District offices, or by calling Global ReLeaf of Michigan toll-free at 800-642-7353. Entries must be received by March 31 in order to be considered.

For additional information, contact Global ReLeaf at the number listed above or write to P.O. Box 7327, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

Country singer Clint Black headlines National Cherry Festival

Possibly the most powerful country performer in the country, Clint Black, will be performing live on the Festival Music Stage, with special guest John Berry, during the National Cherry Festival, Wednesday, July 12, at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Black will perform tracks from his latest album, *One Emotion*. Highlighting his distinctive soulful sound, Black shows his diverse songwriting proficiency as he delivers a powerful blend of classic and contemporary music styles.

A special summer treat, yet to be released in the spring of 1995, will be performed at the National Cherry Festival — *Summer's Comin'*. For this high-energy, fun summer song, Black also stepped behind the film camera in Malibu, CA, to portray on video the excitement on stage, while singing country's soon to be number one summertime single.

Black's first three albums for RCA — *Killing Time* (1989), *Put Yourself In My Shoes* (1990), and *The Hard Way* (1992) — put him in the vanguard of the new country-music movement, and sold more than six million copies in the process. All five singles from the precedent-setting debut album went number one. Black has also been Country Music Association's Horizon Award Winner and Top Male Vocalist. Black has had nearly eight million albums sold to date, with 12 number-one singles.

Tickets for the National Cherry Festival Clint Black concert, at the Grand Traverse Resort, on Wednesday, July 12, are \$25 for limited-reserved seating and \$20 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased beginning Friday, March 3. Locations are: National Cherry Festival, 108 W. Grandview Parkway, Traverse City; New Moon Records and Tapes, 240 E. Front St., Traverse City; WTCM, 314 E. Front St., Traverse City; Record World, 430 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey; Cadillac News Center, 118 S. Mitchell, Cadillac; City Drug, 401 River St., Manistee; Robbies Dry Cleaners, 1681 Benzie Hwy.,



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Geography barriers fall as school officials now meet via interactive TV

By Yvonne LaFave
Capital News Service

Area school officials now have the opportunity to increase their use of technology and make school administration more efficient.

A recent opinion released by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley allows school district representatives to use interactive television to attend the intermediate school district's annual budget meeting.

The Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR) may use the new medium, Superintendent Lyle Spalding said.

COOR's interactive television system allows people in each high school to see, hear and talk to people at two other sites at a time. They also

have the ability to switch and interact with people at other sites in the network.

The opinion, which stands as law unless overturned by a court, will be especially helpful for administrators in rural communities, said Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, who requested the opinion.

It will make it easier for COOR representatives to attend the meeting, Spalding said.

State law requires officials from each district to approve the maximum amount of intermediate school district's general-fund budget before March 1 every year.

Since Kelley was asked to address intermediate school district's annual budget meetings, the opinion only applies to those meetings.

For some school officials, the meeting has meant driving nearly an hour and a half in February weather for a gathering that may last only 15 minutes, Spalding said.

"This is a big help in areas like ours, where we have a lot more trees than people," he said.

Charles L. Jackson, president of the COOR Intermediate School Board, said the opinion may not help some rural communities because not every district has an interactive television network.

Charles Steinfield, associate professor of telecommunications at Michigan State University, said the increasing dependence on interactive television and the possibility for breakdowns could create other

problems for districts.

"You can run into major problems with technical failures. You have to remember this is not completely reliable technology," Steinfield said.

Spalding said, since COOR includes about 2,500 square miles and already uses interactive television for other services, he would like to use the system for the meeting in 1996.

COOR provides special education, career and technical training, and general-education support services to the Crawford-AuSable, Gerrish-Higgins, Houghton Lake, West Branch-Rose City, Fairview and Mio-AuSable school districts.

School officials said using the interactive-television facility at each district's high school would make the budget vote more efficient.

Wendy's and Michigan Alliance for Arts Education co-sponsor a celebration of youth arts

In celebration of children's creativity and Youth Arts Month, the artwork of Michigan youth will be displayed in Wendy's restaurants statewide during the month of March. The Michigan Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) and Wendy's restaurants of Michigan are sponsoring an exhibit of student art work March 4 through April 1. Through the combined efforts of MAAE, local art teachers, arts advocates, and enthusiastic children, over 100 communities will participate in the project this year. Barbara Mick of Grayling Elementary School, is the coordinator for the local exhibit.

The exhibit will hang in the Wendy's restaurant located on South I-75 Business Loop. In its seventh year, the project stresses the importance of the arts as part of the basic curriculum in schools and increases public awareness of the arts. Quality arts education can stimulate student's creative thinking and improve

problem-solving abilities. It can develop self esteem and provide students with better cross-cultural understanding. The exhibit also gives students an opportunity to display their artwork in a public setting within their own community.

Area educators were responsible for selecting a representative sample of the artwork and hanging it in the local restaurant. Wendy's furnished the supplies to mount and hang the artwork and supplied placemats in participating restaurants promoting the value of arts education.

Youth Arts Month is an event which promotes all of the arts disciplines — creative writing, dance, film and video, media arts, music, theatre and visual arts and highlights the role of each of these disciplines in the education of students. Schools and arts organizations throughout Michigan are hosting a variety of arts activities in honor of this celebration.

The Michigan Alliance for Arts Education, founded in 1979, works to make the arts basic to kindergarten through 12 education in Michigan. Through programs and services, MAAE advocates the integration of arts in education and supports individuals, schools and other organizations who deliver arts education to their communities. This project is supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The Michigan Alliance for Arts Education is a member of the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education network.

For more information on making the arts a part of your child's education, contact the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education, 1514 Wealthy Street, SE, Suite 214, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 or call 1-800-459-7119.

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By Gloria Mologianes

We would like to thank the boys from Shawono Center for all of their help with our MIC distribution. They have consented to help us each month with unloading the truck at the center. If it weren't for groups like them and the National Guard, RSVP would not be able to handle this program and all of these people would have to either drive to Roscommon, or in many of the cases, they would do without because they have no way of getting there.

This program has turned into quite the job for RSVP volunteers. We are now up to around 180 boxes for the community. I do want to remind all of the people who participate in the program that our mothers' day is always the second Monday of the month. We distribute the boxes out to Hanson Hills, (a big thank you to Dan Wyers and the crew out there) from 1 to 3 p.m.

Our seniors' day is always the third Thursday at the Senior Center (a big thank you to the COA for their efforts) from 3 to 5 p.m. We would also

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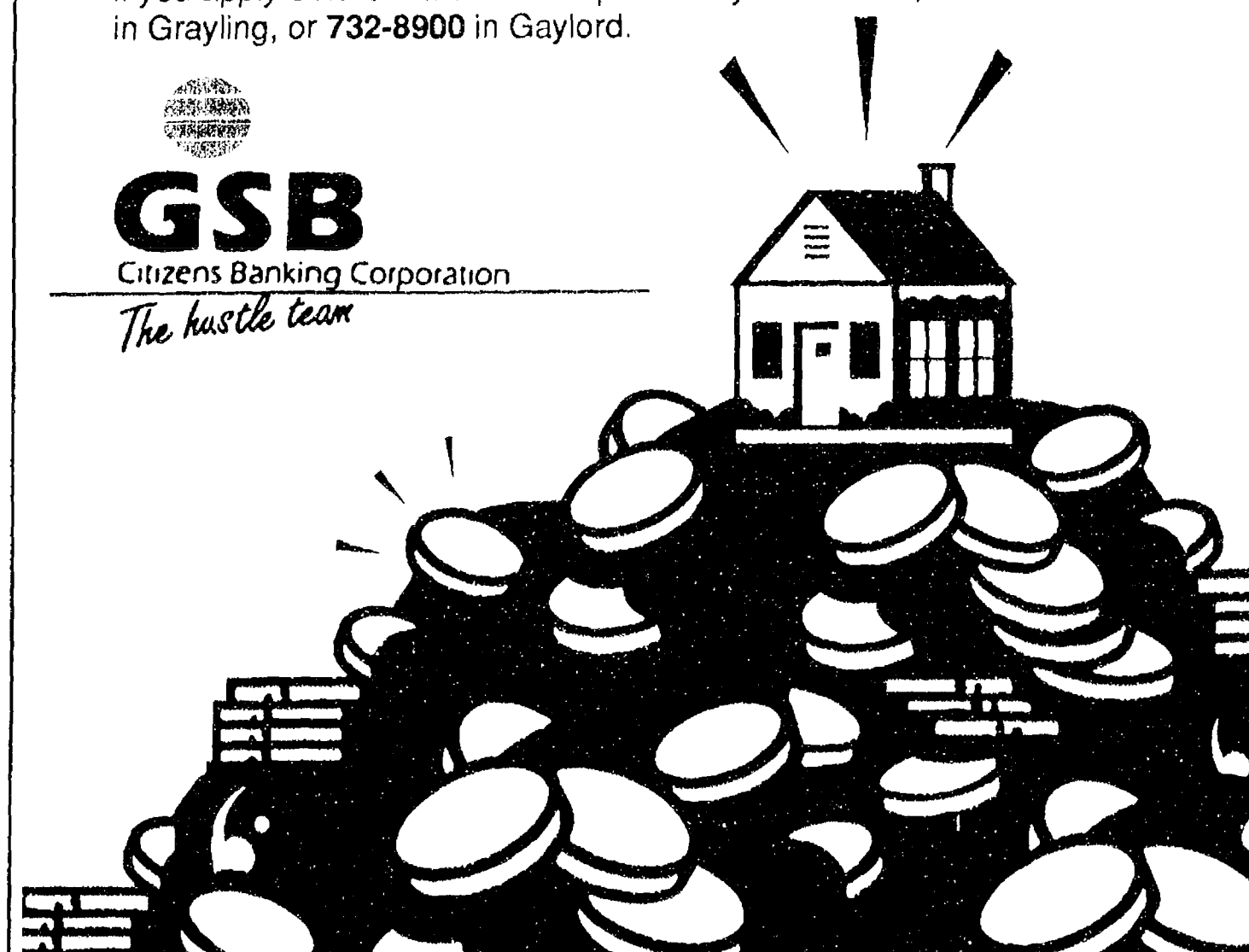
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The forest recreation program is at a turning point... "improve program services and facilities or continue to sink into crisis," the members of the Forest Recreation Advisory Committee (FRAC) in its plan for the state forest's future, Forest Recreation 2000, say. The plan is viewed as a blueprint for future programs that include: enhanced campground security; system-wide site renovation; and funding improvements. The plan includes a total of 17 action items.

As the largest public land manager in Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Forest Management Division is responsible for three basic program areas: Timber (wildlife and forest land) management;

forest (fire, insect and disease) protection; and recreation (rustic recreation) opportunities.

"The State Forest Recreation Advisory Committee was established to provide a means for public involvement in the improvement of the Forest Recreation program," DNR Director Roland Harnes said. "The committee is charged with preparing a plan for forest recreations' future that includes public participation in the development of recommendations to present to the Natural Resources Commission and the DNR director for approval and action."

The 16-member FRAC is comprised of forest recreationists and forest product users. Representatives include citizens who are cross-country skiers, hikers, anglers, hunters, horseback riders, bicyclists, snowmobilers, motorcyclists, as well as individuals from preservation and conservation interests.

A series of public meetings have been scheduled by FRAC to seek additional information and input that will strengthen the Forest Recreation 2000 plan. The committee encourages the participation of all interested parties at these meetings to increase the depth of understanding about the need

for the improvement of one of the state's finest recreation assets.

The meeting schedule is as follows: March 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Quality Inn, Wanigan Room, 2980 Cook Road (Exit 212 off of I-75), West Branch; March 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Government Center, Commissioner's Chambers, 400 Boardman Ave., Traverse City; April 11, 7 to 9 p.m., Gaylord High School, 900 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord.

For a copy of the FRAC plan, Forest Recreation 2000, call (517) 373-9483, or send your request for a copy to: Forest Recreation 2000, DNR, Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or fax your request to (517) 373-2443.

Toupin elected president of chiropractic society

Dr. Suzanne J. Toupin, D.C. is the newly elected president of District 6 of the Michigan Chiropractic Society, covering all 21 counties in northern Michigan.

Dr. Toupin is a 1989 graduate of Palmer University in Davenport, IA. She operates two clinics located in Grayling and Lewiston.

The Michigan Chiropractic Society was formed by merging three chiropractic associations to create a single, unified group of health care professionals. Its purpose is to establish the practice of chiropractic health care as a separate and distinct branch of the healing arts.

The society is comprised of doctors who have graduated from every chiropractic college in the union. With over 700 member doctors of chiropractic, this society is the recognized leader and credible source of chiropractic information in Michigan.

Scholarships for graduating seniors

Senior Honors Night will be May 18, in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. If local organizations would like to offer a local scholarship to this year's graduating seniors, contact the counseling office at 348-7641, extension 118.

The Grayling High School Counseling Department will be making local applications available to the seniors between March 10 and March 30.

Correction

In last week's addition we mistakenly said Jerry Hayes is an English instructor at Kirtland Community College. It should have said he is a former English instructor at Kirtland Community College. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.



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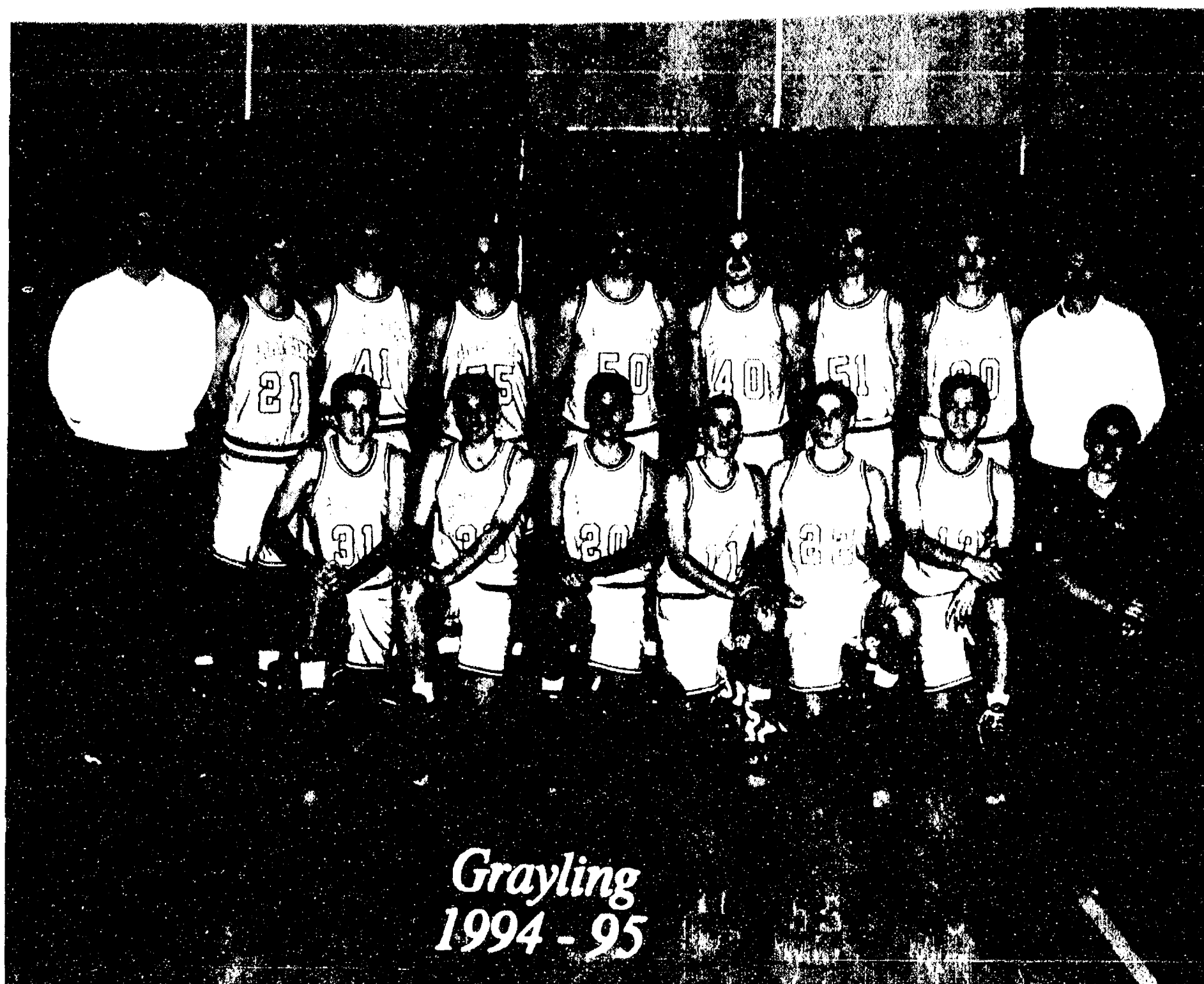
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Special year-end honors

#21, SENIOR SHANE HINKLE--Shane proved to be the most prolific scorer in the Great Northern Conference, Huron Division hitting the hoop for 382 points for a 21.2 point-per-game average. His high game of the season netted him a whopping 41 points in the first Roscommon game.



#22, SENIOR CHRIS JONES--In his first year as a starter, Jonesy broke the school assist record, despite missing several games due to a mid-season injury. He totaled 138 assists, more than anyone else listed in the Viking record books.



#40, SENIOR BEN CROZE--B.C. was hot on the trail of the league-leading scorers. When the division dust had settled, Ben had accumulated a total of 309 points, placing him in third position in division scoring.



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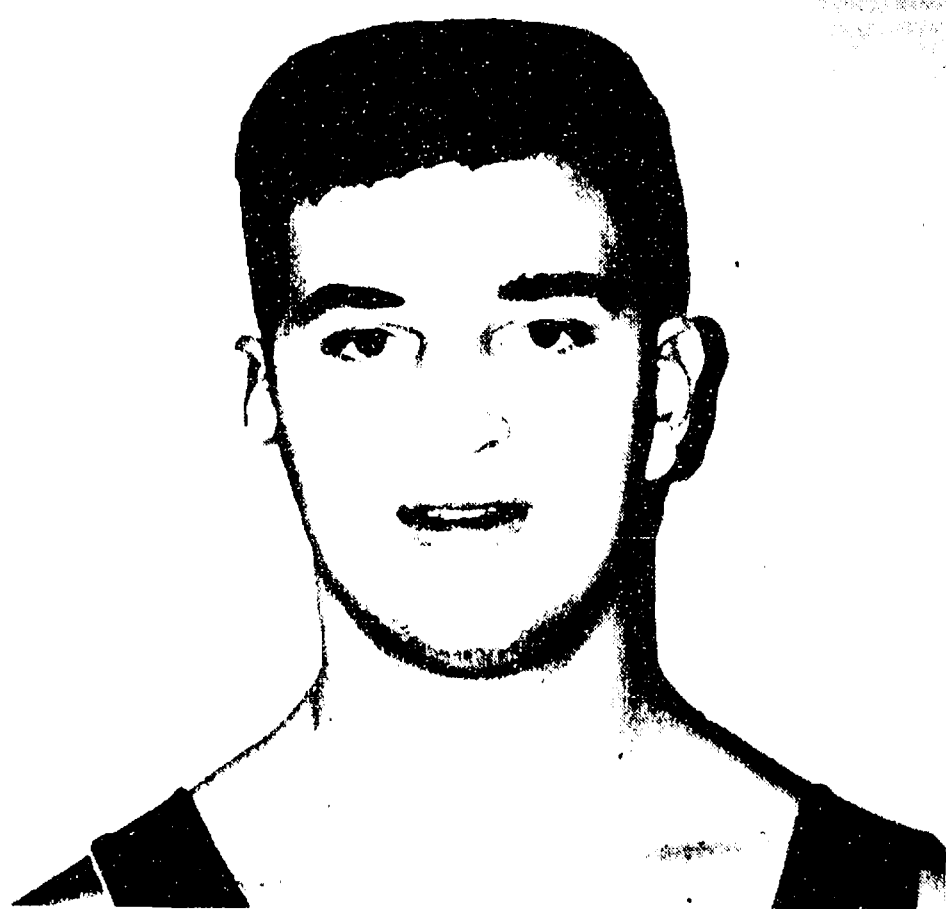
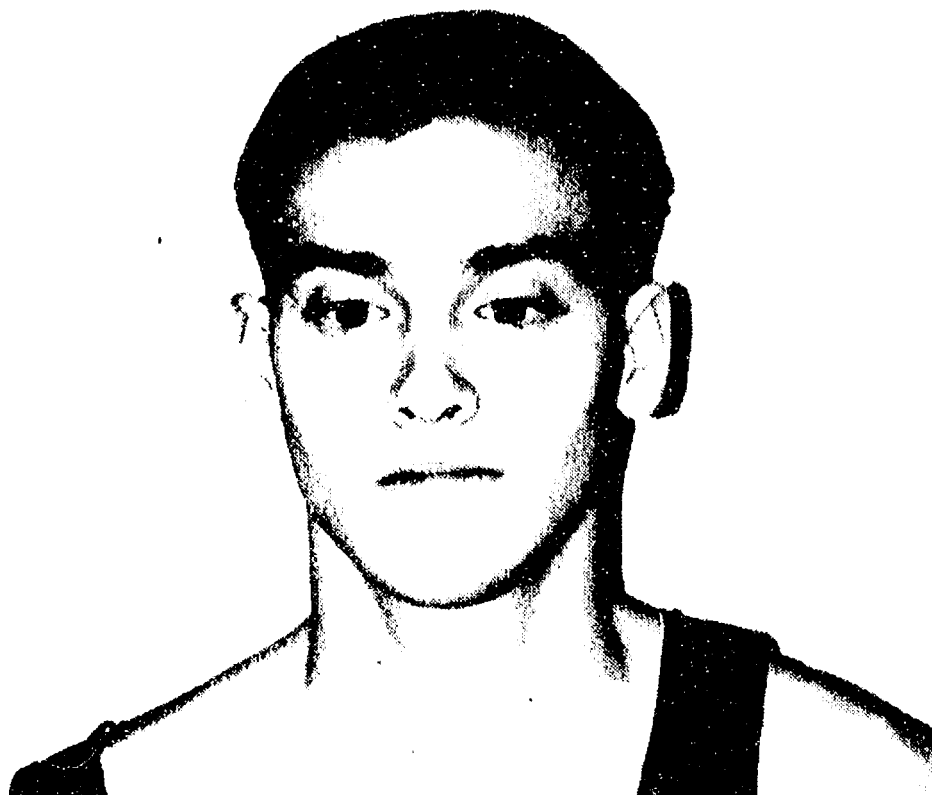
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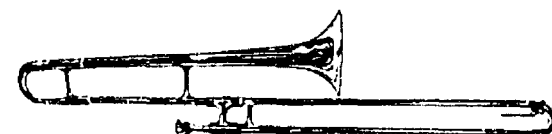
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SENIOR CHARLIE KUCHAREK--(Top R)
"He's very scrappy and been a real positive to the team."
JUNIOR SCOTT HARTMAN--(Bottom R)
"Scott has good inside post moves. He's improved a lot."

SENIOR BRIAN DUNCKLEY--(Middle L.)
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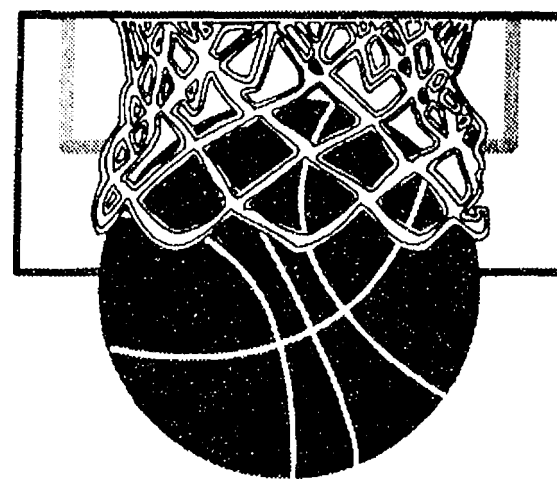
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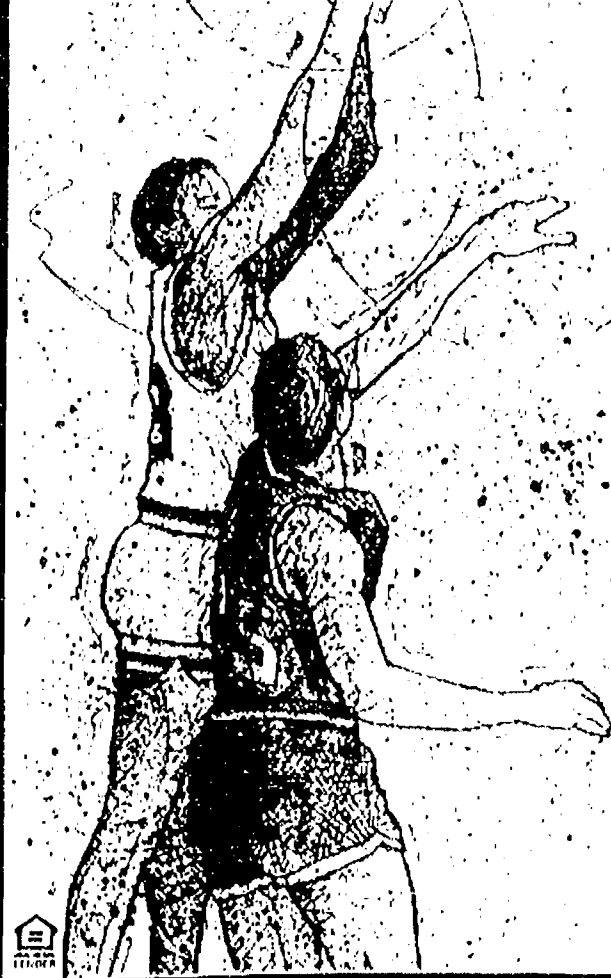
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Good Luck Vikings!

1995 Division champions with 8-0 record

Roll through division with final wins over Rogers City, 74-61; Whittemore, 90-68

By Nick Stancil
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking varsity basketball team finished an undefeated season in conference play by handily defeating the Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals by the score of 90-68 on Friday, Feb. 24.

The Vikings began the game rather slowly, but picked up the tempo as the game progressed. The interior play of

senior Scott Longendyke and the offensive intensity of senior Shane Hinkle led the Vikings out of their first-quarter slump to their 49-35 point half-time lead.

Senior Chris Jones noticed the change saying, "We started out kind of sloppy, but we did a good job defensively after the first quarter."

Statistically, the first quarter was the only low spot of the game.

Although we didn't play that well, there were some bright spots in the game," said Head Coach Rich Moffit. "We played pretty well in spurts."

The victory also marked the second consecutive undefeated season in conference play.

"It was a good way for our seniors to finish conference play," said Moffit.

Moffit also wanted to note that the highlight of the game was when Chris Jones broke the single-season assist record with 138 assists so far this season.

"It is always nice to get recognized for something other than scoring," said Jones.

The leading scorers for the Vikings were Hinkle with 31, Longendyke with 15 and junior Joe Godlewski with 18. Other Vikings who scored were Jones, nine; senior Ben Croze, seven; Juniors Corey Northrop and Jason Thompson both with four; and junior Chris Kucharek had two. Scott Longendyke also lead in rebounding with 12 boards.

In previous conference action, the Vikings traveled to Rogers City and defeated the Hurons 74 to 61 on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"I was very pleased with the intensity that our kids played with," said Moffit. "Defensively, we played very well in the third-quarter."

Leading scorers were Ben Croze with 24, and Hinkle with 23. Other scorers were Godlewski, seven; Longendyke, six; Jones, five; junior Scott Hartman, four; senior Brian Dunkley, three; and Chris Kucharek had two.

The team's outstanding conference play was lead offensively by Shane Hinkle. Hinkle finished in first place in the conference with 382 total points and 21.2 points per game.

Hinkle was followed closely by Ben Croze who finished in third place in the conference. Croze has a total of 309 points through 18 games for an average of 17.2 points per game.

Scott Longendyke also finished among the top-ten scorers in the conference with 180 total points and 10 points a game.

Coach Moffit reflected on the week saying that the victories were a good indicator of the progress that has been made.

Moffit also noted that this Friday is Parent's Night and will be the last home game before tournament play begins on March 6.

The Vikings traveled to Boyne City on Tuesday, Feb. 28, to take on the Ramblers.

JUNIOR ANDY IGNASH--(Top) "One of the top hustlers on the team. He's always going for the ball," said coach Rich Moffit.



JUNIOR TRAVIS WEAVER--(Second from top) "A good ball handler and a good shooter. He means a lot to the team."



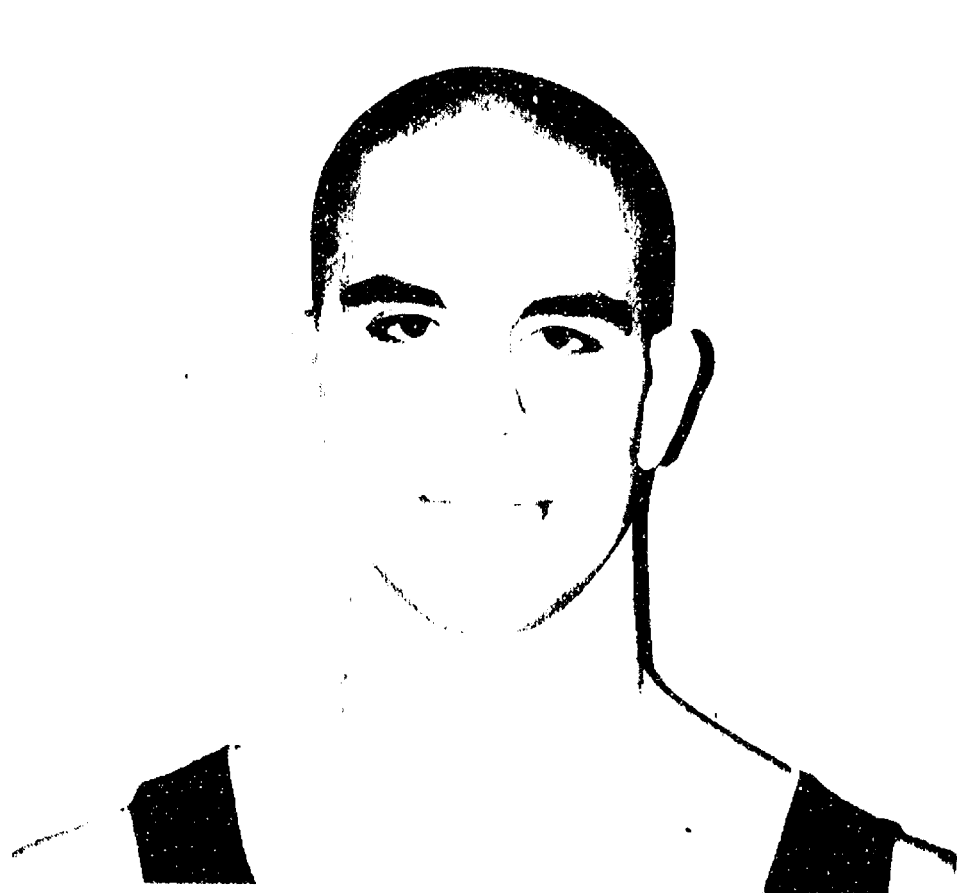
JUNIOR COREY NORTHROP--(Middle) "A real good passer. Corey was a plus for the team all season."



JUNIOR JASON THOMPSON--(Fourth from top) "A very physical player and a very good post off-fender."



JUNIOR CHRIS KUCHAREK--(Bottom) "The best defensive player on the team."





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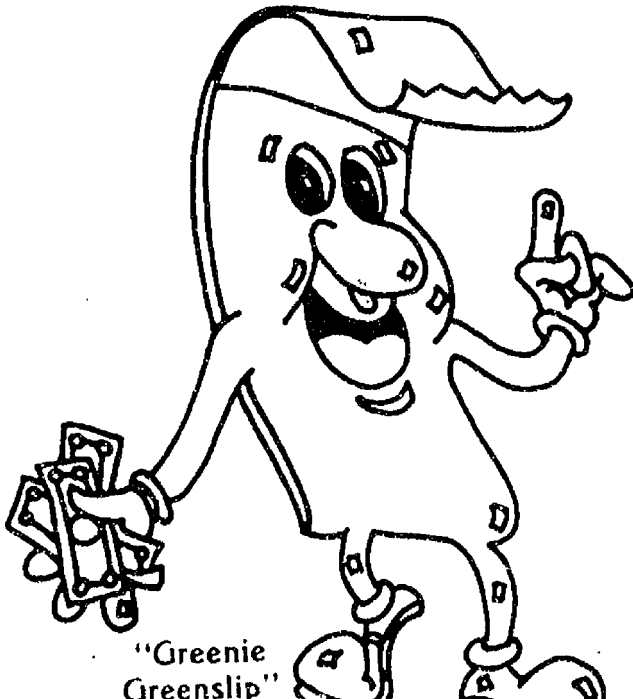
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A look at the basketball district competition

Gaylord Blue Devils

Conference -- Michigan Huron Shores

Coach -- Tom Johnson

Record -- 16-3

Threats -- Luke Johnson 20.5 ppg avg.
Justin Johnson 17.5 ppg avg.
Andy Girard 12.5 ppg avg.

Petoskey Northmen

Conference -- Michigan Huron Shores

Coach -- Dennis Starkey

Record -- 15-3

Threats -- Jeremy Huffman 17.5 ppg avg.
Kevin DeGroot 14 ppg avg.

Cheboygan Chiefs

Conference -- Michigan Huron Shores

Coach -- Denny Jewell

Record -- 3-15

Threats -- Matt Lakie 15 ppg avg.
Joe Kosanke 12 ppg avg.

Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils

Conference -- Michigan Huron Shores

Coach -- Rob Porritt

Record -- 10-8

Threats -- Chris Oshelski 14 ppg avg.
Mike Campbell 13 ppg avg.

Two Viking wrestlers qualify for state finals

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Grayling High School will be represented by two Viking wrestlers at the state individual final wrestling tournament to be held this weekend at the Battle Creek Kellogg Center.

Senior Viking Tom Oberg, wrestling at 119 pounds, earned a trip to the finals by placing fourth overall in regional wrestling in Alma on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Oberg, with a season record of 35 wins against nine losses won two of four regional matches. He defeated Jamie Trudeau of Caledonia, and Sean Crofoot of Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg, before losing twice to Cliff Campbell of Belding.



SENIOR VIKING TOM OBERG

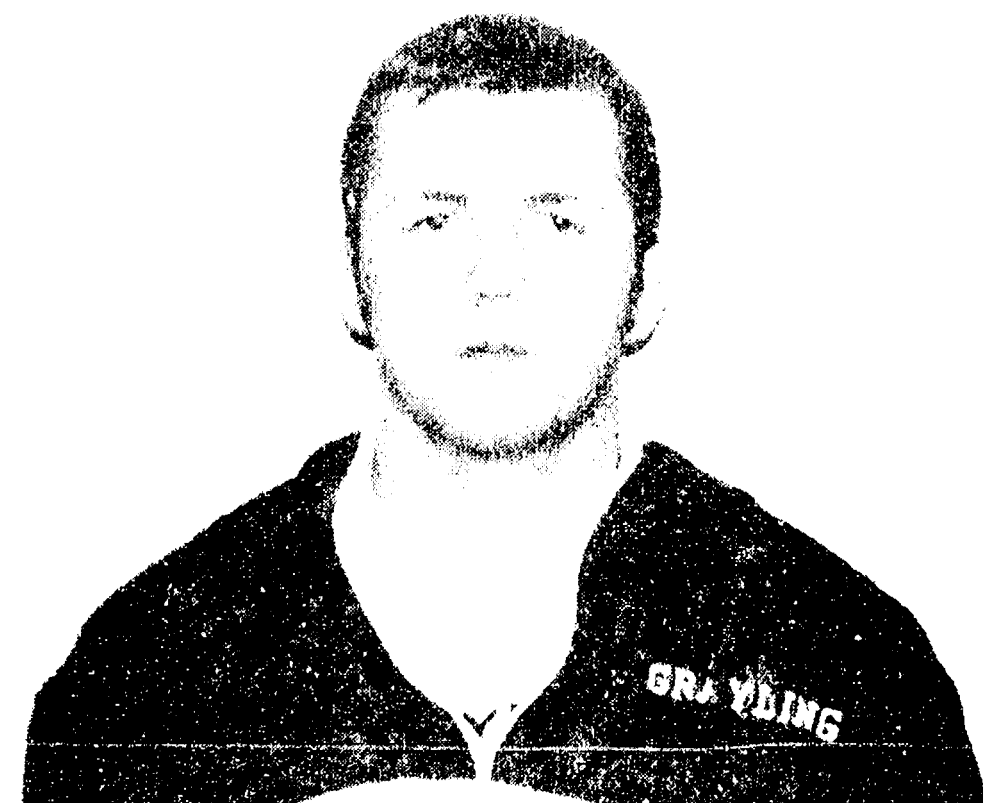


Junior Dale Kniss, compiling an overall 143-3 record in the heavyweight division, won a trip to state by winning two of three regional matches. He pinned Gabe Steward of Lake Odessa Lakewood High School, then defeated Joel Appel of Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg before being pinned by Rob White of Lowell.

"These boys are going to state to place in the top eight," said Viking wrestling coach Don Ferguson. "There is a chance to win a state championship if things go right."

Ferguson received honors during the regional tournament when he was presented a state medal for 30 years of coaching.

Senior Andy Langowski, the only other Viking to wrestle in individual regionals was defeated in his first two matches and did not place.



JUNIOR VIKING DALE KNISS

Middle school wrestlers win 15 medals

The Grayling Middle School wrestling team captured 15 medals at the Northeastern Michigan Wrestling Tournament held in West Branch on Saturday, Feb. 25.

In the 9-10-year old category, Eric Hunter placed second at 59 pounds. In 11-12, placing first at heavyweight was Shawn Ferrigan. Second place went to Josh Niederer at 85 pounds and Mike Boerger at heavyweight. Placing third was Chris Alzner at 90 pounds, Branden Pyle at 95 pounds and Sean Dushane at 105 pounds.

In the 13-14-year old age group, placing first was Colin Hunter at 85 pounds and Kevin L. Bully at 100 pounds. Justin McBride and Elvis Johnson tied for first in the 122-A grouping. Jimmy Eddy took a first in the 122-B weight class. Placing second at 170 pounds was Travis Beckett. Taking third place medals were Raymond Pyle at 114 pounds and Jason Dasho at heavyweight.

Little League accepting registrations for '95

Player registrations for the 1995 baseball/softball seasons for Grayling Little League are being accepted at Sylvester's of Grayling from March 1 to March 25.

The registration fee will be \$20 and a refundable \$10 deposit for pants. Parents/guardians are required to complete a registration form and provide a birth certificate when registering their youth. Sylvester's will have an updated birth certificate list for those already on file from previous years.

Eligible players include those youth whose league age ranges from eight years old by July 31, to 15 years old by July 31. League divisions by ages include the following: Senior League (13 to 15); Girls Senior League Fast-pitch (13 to 15); Girls Major League Fast-pitch (nine to 12); Major League (10 to 12); Major/Minor League (10 to 12); and Minor League (eight to nine).

Registration and other questions may be directed to President Tom Haskel at 517-348-2841 (work) or 517-348-8722 (home).

New organizations and businesses requesting sponsorship of teams and/or signs should contact Haskel by March 20.

Final standings

Great Northern Conference,
Huron Division

Grayling Vikings	8-0
Alcona Tigers	4-3
Whittemore Cardinals	3-4
Rogers City Hurons	3-4
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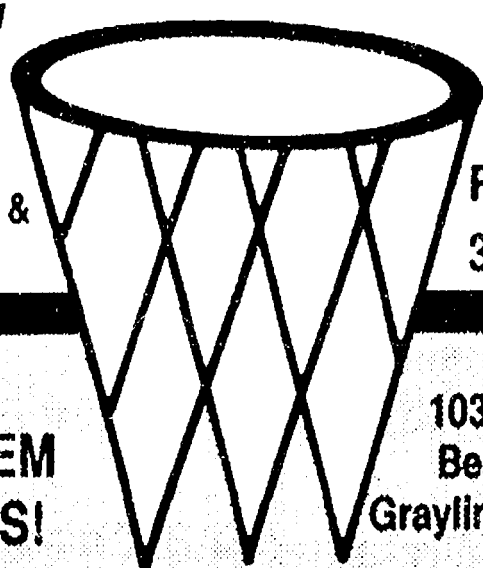
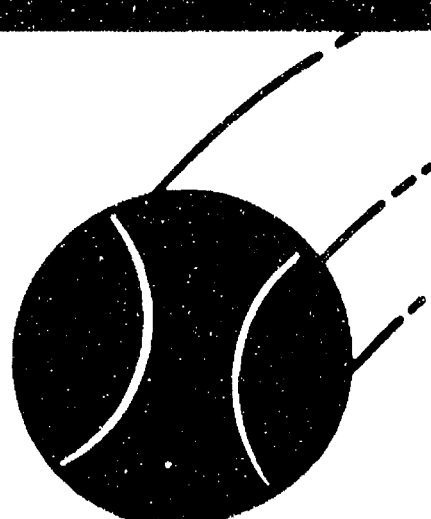
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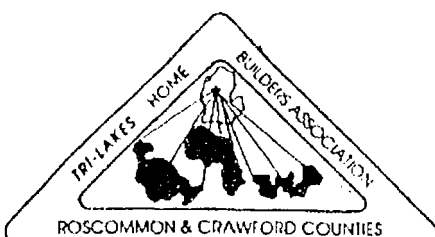


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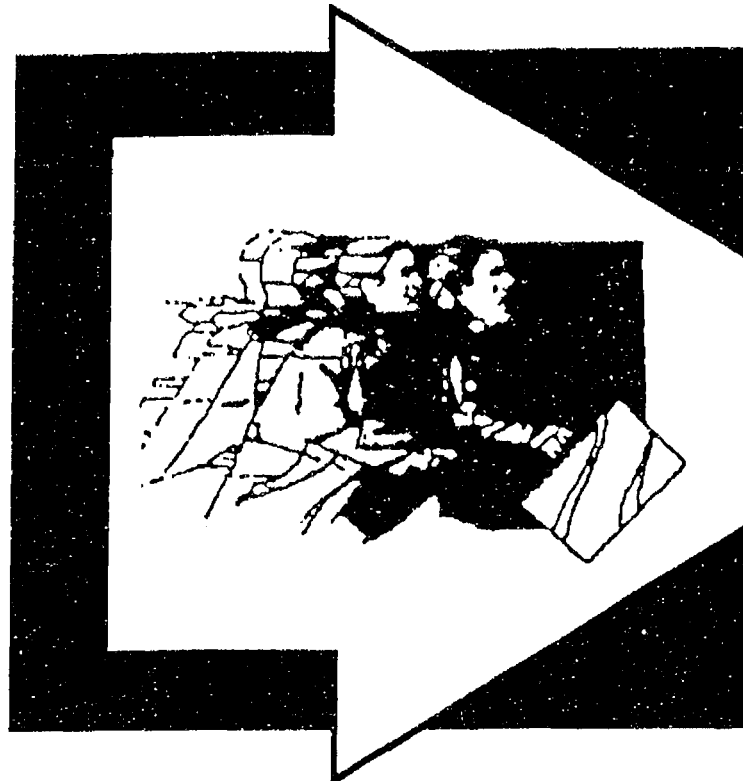
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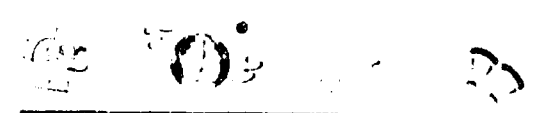
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Mark 8	18-14	Budweiser	21-15	Advance Collision	22-14
Peterson Saw	17-15	Frederic Inn	19-17	A. H. Rental & Repair	22-14
Terry's Sport Center	17-15	Guns & Grub	16-20	Moshier's Auto	20-16
Scheer Motors	15-17	Georgia Pacific Resin	15-21	Main Stream Realty	15-21
Glen's	14-18	Carquest	13-23	Wakeley Builders	10-26
Cornell	8-24	Sutiles	11-25	AJD	10-26
High Game: J. Michal, 227, S. Hinds, 213, C. Peters, 183. High Series: C. Peters, 519, J. Michal, 500, S. Hinds, 472.		High Game: S. Wejrowski, 232, K. Best, 224, D. Germain, 211. High Series: K. Best, 589, T. Kotrash, 578, D. Germain, 563.		Men's High Game: J. Campbell, 204, D. Puroil, 195, D. Lozon, 192. Men's High Series: D. Puroil, 524, D. Lozon, 511, J. Campbell, 508.	
Pioneer League		Sunday Fun League		Women's High Game: C. Brush, 213, J. Hinds, 189, K. Moshier, 180. Women's High Series: J. Hinds, K. Moshier, 511, C. Brush, 486, K. Lozon, 431.	
Avalanche	17-7	Helsel's #2	18	Thursday Morning Coffee League	
M & M Crafts	16-8	Cedar Motel	10	Hardes	28
Mercy Hospital	13-11	Roshy Construction	10	Wakeley's Golden Girls	25
Eagles Auxiliary	12-12	Legion Lanes	10	Buccilli's	18
Aunt Betty's	11-13	Deb & Dale's	9	Legion Lanes	18
Millikins	10-14	Helsel Bros.	9	AuSable Construction	17
Custom Interior	10-14	Dominators	8	Statewide	16
Chemical Bank	7-17	No Fear	6	Lone Pine Inn	10
High Game: D. Ashworth, 201, S. Allen, 184, M. Miller, 183. High Series: D. Ashworth, 504, M. Miller, 499, N. Glasslee, 498.		Men's High Game: L. Rioux, 232, M. Roshy, 203, D. Lozon, 202. Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 577, L. Rioux, T. Messerschmidt, 527.		High Game: S. Romain, 201, S. France, 191, A. Mathey, C. Weaver, 190. High Series: S. Romain, 539, M. Koch, 534, C. Weaver, 512.	
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Triangle League		Grayling Basketball League		Plaza	172-170
Helsel's		Hamlin 12.4, Parkinson 11.3, Millikin 11.3, Junttila, 11.0, Ruddy 11.0.		Red Barn I	167-175
Grayling Ford		Three-point Leaders: Patterson 36, Jung 16, Junttila, Hull, 9, Parkinson 8, Trenary, Krey, Parkinson, Simon, Fox, 6.		Red Barn II	149-173
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Fox Construction, 60: Junttila 18, Burkett 13, White 9, Cragg 8, May 7, Bonamie 5, Dawn Donuts, 55: D. Jung 21, Parkinson 12, Ruddy 11, M. Lange 5, J. Lange, Hartman, M. Jung, 2.			
Weyerhaeuser, 67: Trenary 26, Hull 14, Grant 12, Kelley 8, Kirimo, Pagel, 3, Contreas 1. Spikes, 58: Patterson, Thompson, 17, Krey 13, J. Gardiner 6, Potter 5.			
Scoring leaders (average): Patterson 23.0, Krey 21.2, Trenary 19.8, Jung 18.6, White 13.0, Thompson 12.8.			

Small town nets big race Luzerne Snowmobile Dragmaster Classic weekend of March 11-12

The small community of Luzerne has landed the championship race of the Michigan Snowmobile Drag Racing Association (MSDRA). The final-points race of the season for the association will be held March 11-12 at Luzerne's track on the Lost Creek Airport.

Luzerne, located between Mio and Grayling on M-72, attracted the attention of the drag racers when they held the first of the Fabulous February races last month. The weekend of the race, their track was the only one in the state ready for competition.

Once word spread that Luzerne had a track, racers from all over the state and from as far away as Indiana have

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We hope this will not place a burden on anyone financially. Those that can't afford to donate, all the time, we understand. Those that can afford to donate, please be generous.

MEPPS Program available to seniors

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Insurance which will pay (or reimburse) for their prescription drugs or who have a current medical assistance card (Medicaid) are not eligible for drug vouchers.

Vouchers are given for the prescriptions and can be redeemed at participating drug stores. Vouchers may be given to you two times within the funding year which will end on Sept. 30. If you think you might qualify, call the Commission on Aging office (348-7123) or stop in at 308 Lawndale, Grayling.

Commission on Aging hosts dinner for Shawono boys

Mark your calendars for a very special night, Thursday, March 30, at 5 p.m. The Commission on Aging is hosting a dinner for the Shawono Center boys to thank them for all their help with the holiday dinners and for the lovely breakfasts, and in particular, for those heavenly cinnamon rolls! Come and help extend appreciation to the fellows from Shawono Center.

Respite care is available for area senior citizens

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will provide respite service to all eligible persons within Crawford County regardless of income level.

If you provide care or know of someone who provides care that may benefit from this type of service, contact the Commission on Aging at 348-7123 or stop by the office at 308 Lawndale, Grayling.

Let's dance!

Let's dance is your invitation to come and have the time of your life at the dance parties at the Commission on Aging! The first dance is on March 14, at 5:30 p.m., in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Faith and B'Gorrah, 'tis time for the wearin' of the green! The second dance is on March 28 at 5:30 p.m. The Commission on Aging knows that they can't please everyone on the dates chosen for the dances, but a number of people have voiced the opinion that they would like to have a consistent day for the dances and to the best of the ability of the Commission on Aging and Tina, they will try to have them on Tuesdays for a trial period to see how it works out.

Clip & Save Calendar From
Crawford County Commission On Aging
308 Lawndale Dr., Grayling, MI

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY																			
SPECIAL DATES: 5th - Brunch 9 am - 1 pm 9th White Elephant Auction - 5:30 pm 10th Foot Clinic - By Appointment 14th St. Patrick's Dance - 5:30 pm 15th COA Board Meeting with Film - 5:30 pm 17th Legal Help 1:30 pm 19th Sunday Potluck 4:00 pm 28th Dance with Tina 5:30 pm 30th Dinner for Shawono Boys	1. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:00 - Lunch 12:30 - "BK Bingo" Birthday Party 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Dinner	2. 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Class: U.S. History 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - "Mystery"	3. 11:30 - Frederic Satellite Meet at COA 12:00 - Lunch at the Center 5. Sunday Brunch 9 am - 1 pm	6. 12:00 - Lunch 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Movie "Wyatt Earp"	7. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Cards Nite	8. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:00 - Lunch 12:30 - "BK" Bingo Birthday Party 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - "Hangman"	9. BPs 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class: Government 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Class: US History 5:00 Dinner 5:30 - White Elephant Auction	10. "FOOT CLINIC" 12:00 - Lunch at the Center	13. 12:00 - Lunch 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Movie "Beethoven"	14. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - St. Patricks Dance With Tina	15. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	16. 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Class: US History 5:00 Dinner 5:30 - "Trivia"	17. 11:30 - Lovells Satellite 12:00 - Lunch 1:30 - Legal Help 19. Sunday Potluck - 4 pm Bring a dish to pass & Service	20. 12:00 - Lunch 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Movie "Tombstone"	21. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Cards Nite	22. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - "Pokeno"	23. BPs 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Class: US History 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - "Hangman"	24. 12:00 - Lunch at the Center	27. 12:00 - Lunch 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Movie "Addams Family"	28. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 5:00 - Dinner 5:30 - Dance With Tina	29. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Stag Club 5:00 - Dinner	30. 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 12:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Class: US History 5:00 - Dinner For Shawono Boys	31. 12:00 - Lunch at the Center

This monthly page is brought to you as a service to our Senior Citizens by this local sponsor:
Senor Citizens, make the Crawford Station
your first stop for these tasty Lenten Specials

Oysters Florentine.....\$5.95
Five select oysters on the half shell topped with a spinach filling cream, onions, and crumbs
Butter Crumb Scrod.....\$8.95
A flaky Boston cod baked with herb butter and seasoned crumbs

Crab Cakes.....\$7.95
Two sauteed cakes on a bed of dill hollandaise, the chef's special mixture of seafood and crumbs
Fresh Catch of the Day
Market Price
All entrees include soup, potato, vegetable and a roll.

CRAWFORD STATION
* Holiday Inn

The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Character

Character is the subtotal of characteristics which identify a person. Character is reflected in one's personality, disposition and integrity. One by genes, environment, and training is made or bent into a certain cast or character. This results in the disposition or constitution of the individual. Any true status, honor or name one receives should be attributed to the strength of inner honesty or character, rather than outward reputation.

Under character, *The Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary of the English Language*, 1975 edition, says in part: "...a characteristic; the aggregate of characteristics or distinguishing features of a thing; peculiar quality; moral constitution, as of a person or a people; often strongly developed moral quality; reputation; often, good repute; an account of the qualities or peculiarities of a person or thing, esp. a formal statement from an employer concerning the qualities and habits of a former servant or employee; status

or capacity; a person considered as exhibiting certain qualities..." - page 169.

Our nation has sown to the wind, and we are starting to reap the whirlwind. (HOS 8:7) We as a nation are losing our Judeo-Christian character. There was a time in America when a man's word was as good as gold. We have forgotten that character training is hard work requiring many years of sacrifice and service. Character training should begin in infancy in the home and church. Children never need help in lying, stealing, hating, fornicating, or other vices. They need much help in how to be honest, loving, chaste, kind, respectful of others, considerate, generous, loyal, patriotic, God-fearing, and civic minded. These character traits are the by-product of good Christian training.

How can we expect the character of a child to be better than the example and training of the home? Many people say, "When I was young we all knew right from wrong even if we didn't practice it. But my children seem to

have no sense of guilt or wrong." Has America been wise to raise a generation wise in self-esteem, sex education, and values clarification, but without God, the Bible, faith, and Christian character? Parents who raise their children outside of a Bible-believing church without a proper understanding of God and the Bible are risking a teenage nightmare. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (PRO 22:6)

Should character traits be taught in the home, a Christian school, and a Bible-believing church, the battle is not over. Christian values are still under assault in every area of our culture. We must emphasize the warning, "Cease, my son, to hear the instruction [that causeth] to err from the words of knowledge." (PRO 19:27)

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on March 3 and cease on March 5.

The Small Arms Ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on March 3 and cease on March 5.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. 197 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will begin on March 3 and cease on March 5.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. 197 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will be from March 1 through March 4, and March 7 through March 8.

Relationship seminar offered at local church

A relationship seminar will be presented Sunday, March 5, at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Assembly of God church, located at 701 S. I-75 Business Loop.

In this video session, Gary Smalley reveals the single-greatest destructive force in any relationship. It's also the number one cause of divorce. He shows how to detect it, how to reduce the potential damage it can cause, and

how to overcome it in your own personal life and in all your relationships. In addition to destroying relationships, there are other effects this force can have if not adequately dealt with including, building walls between people, lowering self esteem, and even weakening the immune system. It can also build a deep resistance in children towards their parents.

Traverse City and Interlochen bands to give combined concert

In what is being billed as their first shared concert, the Traverse City Symphonic Band and the Interlochen Arts Academy Band will perform together Saturday, March 4. The performance will be held in Corson Auditorium on the Interlochen campus and is free to the public. Pre-concert music begins at 7:30 p.m. by Academy wind ensembles, followed by the 8

p.m. performance. Grayling residents, Timothy Febey, son of Rick and Barbara Febey, and A. J. Stancil, son of George and Marilyn Stancil, are both members of the Interlochen Arts Academy Band.

For additional information, call the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230.

FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES
Send name, address, and age to
Calvary Baptist Church
Rt. 4 Box 4103-C, Grayling, MI 49738
call (517) 348-8356 or 348-9220

Church Directory

*The Spacious Firmament on high
With all the blue etheral sky
And Spangled Heav'ns a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim."*
— Joseph Addison

The Finishing Touch

Few artists would consider the presentation of a finished work unframed. Completing the work, the frame surrounds it, transforming it from eye-pleasing to eye-catching — from scenic to sublime. A mood is set, warmth is enhanced, or perhaps the entire scene becomes more connected by that one "perfect" halo.

The "Spangled Heav'ns" provides the ethereal surroundings that we connect with God, though He needs no frame. Yet, when the spirit of the Creator surrounds us, our entire being is at peace and others are moved by the warmth of our demeanor.

Worship each week in God's holy presence. As you depart, you will be surrounded by a halo of serenity. Framed by the spirit of the Creator, His masterpiece is now complete.

Sunday Hebrews 1:1-14	Tuesday Hebrews 3:1-19
Monday Hebrews 2:1-18	Thursday Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wednesday Hebrews 4:1-13	Saturday Hebrews 5:11-6:12

First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable in 1st building on the right off new entrance road.
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
Old 27 North, 701 Grayling Rd.
Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School, 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) - 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Lier 348-7699
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Joe Trester
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Lacey Stephan, Jr.
Corner of North Down River Rd. and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass
Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon
275-5309
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awauna Club (Wed) ... 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
348-8573
Sunday Classes & Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Coby
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

AuSable Valley Church of God
6330 Johnson - Frederic
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Pollock Fellowship 2nd Sunday each month after morning service.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
Sunday School Bible Class 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
Vicar: The Rev. Derik J. Roy, Jr.
M-72 West-Office 348-5850
Rectory 348-2682
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer Service 10:30 a.m.
(The second Sunday of each month)
Healing Service 5th Sunday of the month
Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) .. 7 p.m.

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Fliter, Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

This Church Directory is sponsored by the following community-minded individuals and businesses

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Richard & Terrie Lockwood
348-6775 - Grayling

CENTURY 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC.
Sandy & Randy Thompson
5688 M-72 West - 348-5474

GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY
Ken & Carol Taskay
503 McClellan - Grayling - 348-6641

BEN FRANKLIN FAMILY CENTER
Fabrics • Apparel • Shoes • Hardware
Auto • Toys • Electronics • TV's
348-2900 - Grayling, MI 49738

ELIAS BROTHERS' BIG BOY RESTAURANT
Stop in after Church for Brunch
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Mary Coy & Bill Coy
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New Home Construction
Remodeling • Garages
348-8945 - Grayling

HOLIDAY INN
2600 I-75 Bus. Loop South
348-7611 - Grayling, Mich. 49738

CORNELL REALTY, INC. CORNELL AGENCY, INC. REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE
I-75 Bus. Loop South - Grayling, Mich.
Phone 348-6761 and 348-6481

MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING
"Caring for the Quality of Your Life"
1100 Michigan Ave.
Grayling - 348-5461

Your Hometown PIZZA HUT
400 State St.
Grayling - 348-5565

COMFORT CENTER
"We Furnish the Comfort...
The Rest is Up to You!"
The Miracle Mile - Grayling - 348-2961

DAVIS JEWELRY
"Guaranteed Watch, Jewelry and Ring
Repair in Our Own Shop"
235 Michigan Ave. - Grayling, MI 49738

CARLISLE PADDLES, INC.
348-9886 • 4562 E. Down River Rd.
Grayling, Mich. 49738

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE
348-6371 • 201 James - Grayling

ROCHETTE'S IGA
Dennis Rochette & Employees
348-9612 • 508 Cedar - Grayling

JANSEN'S
Plumbing • Heating • Appliances
1 Block North of Downtown
348-5571 • 501 Cedar - Grayling
40 Years in Grayling

OLD KENT BANK OF GAYLORD
Old US-27 North - Grayling - 348-5435

McLEAN'S ACE HARDWARE
Complete Hardware • Giftware
Sporting Goods
348-2931 • 209 South James - Grayling

HAMRICK REAL ESTATE CO.
J. Lee Hamrick, Owner-Broker
I-75 Bus. Loop - across from "Golden Arches"
348-5433
Home - 348-8336

SUPERIOR JANITORIAL SERVICES, INC.
Commercial Cleaning Service
Phone 348-2114

NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
2405 So. Grayling Rd. (next to Kmart)
Grayling - Phone 348-5441

CHEMICAL BANK NORTH
2500 I-75 Bus. Loop • 348-6511
Grayling, Michigan 49738

GRAYLING REEL, INC.
4622 West Young Road
Phone 348-5071 - Grayling

THAYER MACHINE SHOP
Dan Thayer & Employees
4501 Riverview Road
Grayling - 348-5283

ERNIE'S FLEA MARKET
Open 7 days, Year-round • 348-5695
7 miles west of Grayling on M-72

HOSPITALITY HOUSE MOTEL
348-8900 • I-75 Bus. Loop No. - Grayling

McDONALD'S RESTAURANT
"McDonald's and You"
Breakfast served until 11 a.m. on Sundays
I-75 Bus. Loop South • Ph. 348-2269
Grayling, Michigan 49738

DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH
Entrance Doors Made In Grayling
Grayling, Mich. • 348-5426

HON. ALTON T. DAVIS
Circuit Court Judge

STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS
605 Huron - Grayling, Mich

CRAWFORD COUNTY ABSTRACT & TITLE
108 Burton Court - Grayling - 348-9832

JANSEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
Complete Insurance Service
348-6711 • 237D S. I-75 BL - Grayling

MAC'S DRUG STORE
"Your Good Neighbor Pharmacy"
122 Michigan Ave. - Grayling • 348-2181

SANGKYU SHIN, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology
1200 N. Down River Rd. - Grayling, MI 49738
517-348-2806

SEARS OF GRAYLING
6372 M-72 West - Grayling
Ph. 517/348-2861 or 517/348-2862

NORTHERN APPRAISAL SERVICE
1380 Little John Ave. - Grayling, MI 49738
517-348-4357

This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche, 348-6811, to be included on this page.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates: Monday, March 13th, 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, and Saturday, March 18th, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 1995, at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 13, 1995, until 12 noon and 1 until 4 pm. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 14, 1995, during the same hours. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis."

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Grayling Township:

	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Timber Cut-Over	0	0
Developmental	0	0

Arnold Stancil, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Below is a summary of Northeast Michigan Consortium's final Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) Plan for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1994 and ending September 30, 1995. The plan is available at the SDA office: Northeast Michigan Consortium, Attn: Edie Skroch, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the plan will be made available in alternate formats such as large print, audio tape, etc., upon special request.

Priority placement is for youth in current programs. The total Program funds available are \$576,704 to serve 300 youths.

1. Basic skills enhancement combined with work experience conducted during the summer months for 70 JTPA eligible youth. The program will provide up to 20 hours per week of work experience in the public sector with a \$4.25 wage rate and education in reading, math and life skills. The enhancement will be self-paced in area computer centers.
2. Career exploration of college level high tech programs for 40 youth.
3. Work experience in the public sector with a wage rate of \$4.25 per hour for up to six youth.
4. A business/construction project for 60 youth in Alcona and Alpena Counties.
5. Challenge Program at Camp Vanderbilt for 200 youth for team building, problem solving and life skills.

Your comments or questions are welcome. Please address them to Edie Skroch, Department Assistant at (517) 733-8548. EEO-Program.

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Election Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF FREDERIC, MAPLE FOREST AND LOVELLS TOWNSHIPS CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995

To the Qualified Electors...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 1995, in the above townships in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

County Commissioner - District 3

at the place or places of holding the Election in said City/Township as indicated below:

Frederic Township - Library (Frederic)
Lovells Township - Township Hall
Maple Forest Township - Township Hall

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 am and will remain open until 8 pm of said day of election.

Nancy Bindschatel, Frederic Township Clerk
Cheryl Hopp, Lovells Township Clerk
Susan Keene, Maple Forest Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS of Beaver Creek Township Minutes Special Meeting Jan. 18, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Board members present: Schultes, McGregor, Hartman. Absent: McDonough, Mobarak.

Purpose: To decide on insurance coverage for township, from two proposals submitted. Motion by McGregor that we accept the proposed insurance coverage with Paul Olson representing Michigan Township participating Plan — Insurance/Workman's Comp. policy for period Feb. 1995 through Feb. 1996. Schultes seconded carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 a.m.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael L. Miller and Patricia Miller, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture dated September 16, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on September 16, 1981, in Liber 200 of Mortgages, on page 280-283; and Mortgage made by Michael L. Miller and Patricia Miller, husband and wife, to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, dated April 27, 1983, recorded May 12, 1983, at Liber 215, Pages 408-411; and Mortgage made by Patricia Miller to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, dated May 16, 1986, recorded May 20, 1986, at Liber 245, Pages 310-313, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$49,376.09; \$3,375.83; AND \$7,139.43, respectively Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door of the County Building (East side) in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 27, 1995, at 1:00 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the afternoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13 1/4%, 10 3/4%, and 9.5%, respectively per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan: Lot 13, Woodhurst Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

The period of redemption will be six (6) months from date of sale.
Dated February 16, 1995

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS
HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE MORTGAGEE.

JOHN H. MCKAIG
Attorney for Mortgagee
105 E. State Street
P.O. Box 330
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(616) 587-8351

-23-2-9-16-23

SYNOPSIS of Beaver Creek Township Minutes Special Meeting Feb. 20, 1995

Called to order at 10:05 a.m. Board members present: Schultes, Mobarak, Hartman. Absent: McDonough, McGregor.

Purpose: To appoint member to Board of Review from six applications received. Motion by Schultes to appoint Lyle Baldwin to Beaver Creek Township Board of Review. Second and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.
Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN 83RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO: 95 033 LT
County Building, Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-2841, ext. 242
DOROTHY J. BROWN W/POA FOR JACOB S. AND JEANNE H. DUNLAP
David R. Sabin, P.C. P19822
115 Mich. Ave., Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

KENNETH NORTHRUP
c/o William Northrup
6812 N. Old 27
Frederic, MI 49733 AND
3161 Jones Lake Road
Grayling, MI 49738
TO: KENNETH NORTHRUP
IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court To Forfeit your land contract. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 14, 1995. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

Date: Feb. 14, 1995

Judge Honorable Francis L. Walsh P21943

-23-2-9

Legal Notice

To the Owner or Owners of any and all Interests in, or Liens upon the Lands herein described:

TAKE NOTICE: Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5.00 for each description without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:

State of Michigan
County of Crawford
Lot 547 Indian Glens of the AuSable
No. 6, Beaver Creek Township, Part of
Section 25, T25N, R3W, amount paid
\$132.02, taxes for year 1990.
20-555-52-520-00-547-00

Amount necessary to redeem \$203.03, plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Robert Pratt
10912 Cal Murray
Roscommon, MI 48653

To David L. and Barbara Rousseau, 105 S. Birdsall, Battle Creek, MI 49017, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

-16-23-2-9

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Feb. 7, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, MI. Commissioners present: Long, Hartman, Coy, McLachlan, Smock, Bretzke. Commissioners absent: None. There were 30 visitors present at various times.

IN FORM. ACTION,
COMMISSIONERS:
—Appointed Harold Mertes to the temporary position of County Commissioner to District #3.

—Amended the Agenda and elected John Hartman to be Vice-Chairperson.

—Amended the Agenda to discuss the Smith Bridge Replacement Project.

—Agreed to submit a letter to the Road Commission asking them to place the Smith Bridge Replacement Project on their agenda for Feb. 10, 1995, and allow Bretzke, on behalf of the County Board, to encourage immediate resolution of the issue of ownership and maintenance of the new bridge.

—Accepted the minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 24, 1995, with a correction.

—Accepted the Ways & Means Committee Report and approved payment of the following: General Fund vouchers in the amount of \$127,398.48; GET-GEM Fund vouchers in the amount of \$392.49; Friend of the Court Fund vouchers in the amount of \$25,557.66; Public Improvement Fund vouchers in the amount of \$89,209.22; and Commissioner's Per Diem and expenses as follows: Long, \$84; Hartman, \$84; McLachlan, \$84; Smock, \$128; Bretzke, \$84.

—Accepted 15 pieces of communications.

—Agreed to draft a letter to the Crawford County Library to acknowledge their request for a possible relocation site but denied use of the old fish hatchery as a potential site.

—Accepted the letter of resignation submitted by Kirk A. Wakefield as the Building Inspector.

—Adopted a resolution to grant the restoration of credited service in the Municipal Employees Retirement System pursuant to Public Act 427 1984.

—Honored the request of the Soil & Water Conservation District for an appropriation of \$1,000 with the understanding that any financial reimbursement of private landowners will be accepted to offset this cost.

—Agreed to pay the 1995 dues of \$250 to Huron Pines RC & D with the understanding that any financial reimbursement of private land owners will be accepted to offset this cost.

—Agreed to purchase the Twist & Fill Cleaning Chemical Management System with the understanding that all other cleaning compounds on the premises will be inventoried and disposed of.

—Approved the registration fees, within their respective budgets, for members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the seminars requested.

—Agreed to purchase Brodenck Software to allow more access to the Circuit Court records.

—Agreed to advertise for interest from citizens wishing to serve on a committee, to study the work load, responsibilities and needs of the Prosecutor's office.

—Encouraged the Chairperson of Personnel and Labor to consult with the labor attorney and the assistant prosecutor policies and procedures for appointed, salaried, and nonunion employees.

—Set the definition of Half Day and Full Day meetings for the Board of Commissioners to be as follows: All meetings of three hours or more will be considered a full day and all meetings of three hours or less will be considered a half day excluding travel time with a limit of two meetings per commissioner per month.

—Agreed to invite Dick Heydenberk to come to the next Personnel & Labor meeting to discuss our Mass Mutual Insurance Plan.

A full context of minutes is on file and available in the Clerk's office.
Elizabeth H. Wieland, County Clerk

Invitations, Envelopes,
Announcements,
Thank-you Notes
available at the
AVALANCHE

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 94-3326 CE (D)
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP,
a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM T. BLEVINS and BARBARA F. BLEVINS, husband and wife, RAMONA E. PELLETIER, ERVIN C. CAMPBELL, and JEANETTE B. CAMPBELL, husband and wife
Defendants.

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
P O Box 593
Roscommon, Michigan 48653
(517) 275-5284

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 17 day of February, 1995.

PRESENT: HONORABLE ALTON T. DAVIS, Circuit Judge

On the 8th day of August, 1994, an action was filed by Grayling Township, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff herein, against Defendants, BARBARA F. BLEVINS and ERVIN C. CAMPBELL, in this Court for Injunctive Relief requiring Defendants to remove the subject mobile home and travel trailer to eliminate any violation of the Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance in the R-F zoning district or in the alternative, that Plaintiff be allowed to remove the subject mobile home and travel trailer and tax the reasonable cost of same as a lien upon the subject property. The Defendant, BARBARA F. BLEVINS, is in possession and control of real property and Defendant, ERVIN C. CAMPBELL, legally owns real property more fully described as follows:

Premises situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

PARCEL #17: Being a part of Section 19, T26N, R2W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan:

Commencing at the NW corner of said Section 19; thence S 89 deg 15'30" E along the Section line, 942.3 feet; thence S 0 deg 09'15" W, 335.4 feet for Point of Beginning; thence S 89 deg 15'30" E, 1300.29 feet thence S 0 deg 10'20" W, 335.4 feet, thence N 89 deg 15'30" W, 1299.92 feet, thence N 0 deg 09'15" E, 335.4 feet to Point of Beginning and contains 10.01 acres of land. SUBJECT TO A 33.0 foot easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Easterly side thereof. EXCEPTING & RESERVING all oil, gas and mineral rights of every kind and nature and all right pertinent thereto. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants, BARBARA F. BLEVINS and ERVIN C. CAMPBELL, shall answer or appear and take such other action as may be permitted by law on the April 4, 1995 at the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Grayling, Michigan.

Defendants, Barbara C. Blevins and Ervin C. Campbell are hereby notified that they may, at any time prior to the Court date, contest this case by appearing themselves or by an attorney of their choice in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, and filing a written answer to the complaint herein made, or they and their attorney may on the Court date, present their defense at which time the matter will be heard by the judge in the above Courtroom. Failure to appear on the Court date designated above will result in a Default Judgment being taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Defendants may demand a trial by jury in which case the jury fee must be paid.

Dated: 2-17-95

Alton T. Davis, Circuit Judge

Dated: 2-17-95

Douglas C. Dossan P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
-2-9-16

SYNOPSIS of Beaver Creek Township Minutes Regular Meeting Feb. 9, 1995

Meeting called to order by 7 p.m. with board members present: Schultes, McGregor, Hartman, Mobarak, McDonough. Ten guests were present at different times.

Minutes to 1/9/95 and 1/18/95 meetings were accepted with one spelling correction.

Treasurer's report was read and received as read.

Supervisor's Report: Township Attorney Dossan suggests that we contact MTA and ask for their legal assistance in determining what action to take regarding Unocal tax ruling.

Special Speakers: Mike Nelson, City Environmental asking if any questions on Landfill amendment. James Briney, director of the road commission, discussed paving of Nolan Road and procedure for coming to rough estimate of \$41,000 cost estimate.

Reports given by Fire Chief and Lake Board representative.

Thirty-two pieces of correspondence accepted. Action was taken on request from AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau requesting funding for summer youth programs. Motion by McGregor, seconded by Mobarak, to deny said request. Carried.

Old Business:
Need appointment to Board of Review to fill vacancy. Suggested to put ad in paper.

Update on County-wide Master Plan progress.

New Business:
Cleaning person needed to clean community center and township hall. Motion by Hartman, seconded by McGregor to hire Debra Calkins as cleaning person. Carried.

Discussion to purchase typewriter for secretary. Motion by McGregor that we can spend up to \$300 on a typewriter. Seconded and carried.

McDonough motions to pay all bills. Seconded and carried.

Mobarak moves we transfer \$400 to Park Fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

Marine Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Hull, son of Roy L. and Alma J. Hull of Grayling, has returned from a 6-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean as part of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242.

Hull's unit, home-based at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, CA, flies the F/A-18D Hornet, a twin-engine supersonic strike fighter capable of providing protection against enemy aircraft, delivering ordnance on targets ashore and at sea, and

providing close air support for troops on the ground.

Hull participated in exercises with forces from Australia, Japan and Thailand during the deployment.

Hull spent six weeks in Darwin, Australia, and in Okinawa, Japan, as part of the deployment.

Hull's involvement in this deployment is an example of how U.S. Marines and Sailors are working around the world to project a positive American image while serving as the cornerstone of international coalitions, and enhancing diplomatic contacts.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Paul A. McStraw and Sherri A. Haberland to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture dated April 21, 1993, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on April 21, 1993, in Liber 357 of Mortgages, on page 627-630; and Mortgage made by Mary Ann Klee to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated February 4, 1980, recorded February 4, 1980, in Liber 272, Page 459-462, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE and 66/100 (\$56,931.66) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door of the County Building (East side) in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on March 27, 1995, at 1:00 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the afternoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 7.75% per cent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to-wit: Lot 9, Block 22, Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The period of redemption will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated February 16, 1995
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS
HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE MORTGAGEE.

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-23-2-9-16-23

Custom Business Forms available at the AVALANCHE

Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting Feb. 14, 1995

Members present: Lynnette Corlew, John Medler, Ruth O'Mara, Arnold Stancil, Monica Ashton. Members absent: None. Others Present: Brock Wilson, Chad Arnold, Jeff Englund, Ken Riehle, Robert McLachlan, Dennis M. Meyers, Douglas Dossion.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to approve the minutes of Jan. 5, and Jan. 10, 1995, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's report for January was submitted and read.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)

C.A. School District Board Happenings, 1-10 and 1-16-95; Crawford County Board of Commissioners minutes, 1-24-95; Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch, 1994 Dispatch Report and 1-95 Activity Report; Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund minutes, 12-14-94; C.C. Road Commission minutes, 12-2 and 12-16-94; C.C. Solid Waste Planning Committee minutes, 1-25-95 Public Hearing, MDNR Environmental Assistance Division Calendar of Events through Summer 1995.

CITIZENS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Robert McLachlan, Jr., representing City Environmental Services, Inc., took questions and comments regarding the proposed Solid Waste Amendment that will soon be submitted to C.C. Commissioners. Cleanup of the old cell is underway. Some recycling included if amendment passes. Invitation to tour recycling facility in Saginaw.

BUSINESS:

AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau and the Crawford County Probate Court are again requesting cooperation of each of the six Township Boards within Crawford County in setting up an annual "funding pool" for a Summer Youth Support Counseling and Recreation Program. The aim of this program is to address the counseling and recreational needs of a youth who are defined as "pre-delinquent," or "special needs" between the ages of 11 and 14.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to once again budget \$2,000 in the 1995-96 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget to fund Grayling Township youth participating in the Youth Support Counseling and Recreation Program. Ayes, five; nays, none; motion carried.

Consensus to table Basics of Windows Seminar to March and ask computer consultant whether he thinks the agenda will be worthwhile training.

Michigan Society of Planning Officials 1995 Training Workshops for Planning Comm. and Zoning Board of Appeals. No new members and all have had at least basic workshops. No interest indicated.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to accept letter of resignation from the Grayling Township Compensation Commission from Garland H. Joyce, effective Jan. 1, 1995. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to adopt the following Ordinance:

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 95-2 (Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 7-75)

SECTION ONE: PREAMBLE

The Grayling Township Board having utilized a Compensation Commission established under the provisions of M.C.L. 41.95 and having determined that the continuance of said commission is no longer practical or expedient, desire to discharge same.

SECTION TWO: REPEALING CLAUSE

Grayling Township Ordinance No. 7-75 is hereby repealed and all duties, responsibilities and authority of said commission and its members are hereby discharged and terminated.

SECTION THREE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be given immediate effect upon publication. (2-23-95)

Ayes, four; nays, Medler; motion carried.

Discussion of and minor revisions made to document creating Salary Advisory Committee drafted by Corlew and Ashton and submitted to Board in agenda mailing for review.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, implement the provisions to create for the Township of Grayling a Salary Advisory Committee whose duties shall be to research and compile a recommendation to the Township Board regarding the salaries of all elected township officers. A copy of the By-Laws as approved to become a permanent part of the minutes on file in the Township Clerk's office. Effective immediately. Ayes, four; nays, Medler; motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to appoint Ken Riehle to the Grayling Township Board of Review and the Grayling Township Salary Advisory Committee. All ayes, motion carried. Supervisor stated he had contacted the Michigan Townships Association and ascertained this would not be in violation of current statutes to appoint an individual to both the above mentioned boards.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to appoint John Mahank to the Grayling Township Salary Advisory Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to

appoint Dennis Palmer to the Grayling Township Salary Advisory Committee.

Motion by Medler, support by Corlew, not to pay per diem to Zoning Board of Appeals members for attending the December 1994 Planning Commission meeting as it was by invitation and not considered a regular or special meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes, motion carried.

Building Department Committee Report submitted to Board members during meeting. Discussion and questions ensued. Recommended by Ashton to put on March agenda to give Board members an opportunity to study the newly proposed schedule.

Portage Avenue Blacktopping Project update by Doug Dossion, Township Attorney. Discussion with the Road Commissioners has again deteriorated. They now are proposing a 20-foot wide blacktop with 5-foot shoulders, draining control and a 65 percent-35 percent split of costs over the original estimate of \$22,500. The most recent estimate received is \$94,648. We are currently waiting for response from Road Commission showing cause why they should not proceed with the project as originally bid.

A draft of resolution of intent to support a Michigan Department of Transportation Proposal to use the M-72 corridor for establishing the primary connection between US-131 in Kalkaska and I-75 in Grayling was submitted to Board members for perusal and will be on the March 14th agenda for action.

Reports: (written and on file)

Building Department/Meyers

Crawford County Recreation Authority/

Furst

MTA's 42nd Annual Educational

Conference/Corlew

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 16979 through 17016, election inspectors fees of \$1,190.63, Board and Comm. fees of \$656.16, and Guardian Dental of \$284.75 for a grand total of \$24,757.94.

Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, supported

by Ashton, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, CMC

Grayling Township Clerk

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township regular board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 1995, due to the primary election being held on March 14th. The meeting will be held at the township hall and begin at 7:30 pm.

Susan M. Keene, Clerk

NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

There will not be a March annual meeting. The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund will be held at a regular meeting of the board on Monday, March 13, 1995 at 7 pm. Budgets will be available by March 9th.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the March 14, 1995 Special Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 1995 at 2 pm in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the precinct ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
Crawford County Clerk
February 22, 1995

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 1995, from 9 am to 12 noon.

The board will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14, 1995, from 9 am to 12 noon and 1 - 4 pm at the Lovells Township Hall.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

Frederick Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

The March Board of Review will be held March 13 and March 14, 1995, from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm each day, at the BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER, M-72 and E. Bear Lake Rd.

Protests by mail must be received by Monday, March 13, 1995.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
616-258-4871

The Organizational Meeting to review the tax rolls will be held Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at 9 am.

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold their Organizational Meeting on March 7, 1995, at 10 am at the Township Hall, 7564 Kelly Avenue, 612 West, Frederic, Michigan.

The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates and times:

Monday, March 13, 1995 9 am to noon 1 pm to 4 pm
Saturday, March 18, 1995 10 am to noon 1 pm to 5 pm

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

Brian Hulbert
Supervisor
Frederic Township

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is seeking assistance from persons interested in studying the requirements, responsibilities, programs, and work load of the prosecuting attorney's office. A committee of seven persons will be appointed as soon as possible so a recommendation can be made within a six month period from the following:

- One retired attorney
- One practicing attorney
- One township representative
- One law enforcement representative
- One party from the prosecutor's office
- Two citizens

Please submit your resume to the Board of Commissioners, C/O the County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by March 15, 1995.

Elizabeth H. Wieland
Crawford County Clerk

NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 7, for an Organizational Meeting at 7 pm.

Monday, March 13, 9 am to 12 noon & 1 to 4 pm.
Tuesday, March 14, 2 to 5 pm and 6 to 9 pm.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	50.00	1.00000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.00000
INDUSTRIAL	50.00	1.00000
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.00000

Mary M. Mollon, Clerk

TaxTips

Age 65 brings tax benefits

For tax purposes, you are considered to be age 65 on the day before your 65th birthday. Therefore, if you were 65 or older on Jan. 1, 1995, you are qualified to claim not only a basic standard deduction amount, but an additional amount as well on your 1994 tax return. The total of the basic and additional amount is \$4,750 for single filers, \$6,550 for heads of household, and \$7,100 for joint filers if one spouse qualifies and \$7,850 if both spouses qualify, \$7,100 for qualifying widows and widowers, and \$3,925 for married individuals filing a separate return.

In addition, you may also be eligible to take advantage of a tax credit for the elderly. The maximum credit is \$750 for single individuals, \$1,125 for married individuals filing a joint return, and \$562.50 for married

individuals filing a separate return. Married individuals must file a joint return to claim the credit unless they lived apart for the entire year.

Claiming dependents

Under certain circumstances, you may claim a relative as your dependent even if you don't provide the majority of his or her financial support. If you and at least one other person could claim the relative as a dependent, except for the support test, and together contribute more than 50 percent of the support, you can agree to let anyone who individually furnishes more than 10 percent of the support claim the dependent. The other contributors must sign Multiple Support Declarations (IRS Form 2120), which are to be attached to the return of the individual who claims the exemption.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS Frederic Township Meeting Feb. 14, 1995

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hulbert. Members present: Hulbert, Bindschattel, McLeod, Harmer and Sajdak. There were 11 citizens present. Motion made by McLeod, seconded by Sajdak to approve minutes as read, motion carried. Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to accept treasurer's report as read and approve payment of vouchers \$12,331-12,424 in the amount of \$17,257.42. Motion carried.

Kathy Black, candidate for District #3 introduced herself and explained her plans and endeavors if elected. Dick Dowland from City Environmental gave an update on the landfill operations.

Fire Department reports: There were six runs in January. Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to okay another \$100 to cover overcharge on truck tarp covers, motion carried. Bindschattel made motion, seconded by Harmer to accept policy and procedures as amended.

motion carried. Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to reimburse Fire Department in the amount, up to \$260 for purchase of coffee pot, motion carried.

Library Report: Circulation for January was 344 and people using library numbered 167 from Jan. 11-31, 1995. Survey was discussed.

Clerk report: Audit bids are being accepted.

Correspondence: NEMCOG, maps and other information available. Economic Development, Questionnaire and input by Feb. 20, 1995. DNR, application to acquire property. North Hight, no action necessary. The Accident Fund Company, working under Blue Cross/Blue Shield. James Briney, C.C.R.C., thank you. Transportation Authority Survey, Turn into Brian after completion.

Unfinished Business: Working for Refuse bidding, tabled until next meeting.

New Business: Sajdak made motion, seconded by McLeod to get application to join Sams Club in Traverse City for Township purchases, motion carried.

Sajdak made motion, seconded by Bindschattel to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Nancy L. Bindschattel
Township Clerk

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Ann KNEPP, a single woman, a/k/a Marianne Knepp to MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a public body corporate and politic, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1981 and recorded on May 5, 1981, in Liber 196, on page 204, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS AND 26 CENTS (\$29,182.26), including interest at 9.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at

public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. o'clock, on April 5, 1995.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 46, MARGRETHE MANOR NO. 4, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 C.L. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 23, 1995

Trott and Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 201

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025

File #95020494

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Two positions are open on the Zoning Board for a 4-year term starting April 1, 1995. Persons Interested, contact Fred Schaibly, Lovells Township Supervisor, at the Lovells Township Hall, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 am and 3 pm at 348-9215 by March 9, 1995.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold their Organizational Meeting on March 7, 1995, 3 pm at the township hall. The Board of Review will meet with petitioners on the following dates and times.

Mon., March 13, 1995 9 am to noon 1 - 4 pm
Wed., March 15, 1995 1 - 4 pm 5 - 8 pm

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

The AVALANCHE for all your hometown news

Netters ready for districts

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Grayling varsity volleyball accomplished its goal at the conference meet on Thursday, Feb. 24, but still finished fourth overall.

"One of our main focuses of the week was to get a little of our own back from Onaway," said Rebecca Brown, coach. The Vikings lost to Onaway last week, a loss they felt was undeserved.

"We were able to beat them at the league tournament," said Brown, "but they still finished ahead of us due to their overall season record against Alcona."

Onaway held a 5-0 record compared to the Vikings 4-1 record against Alcona. This allowed Onaway to move ahead of the Vikings in league standings.

Rogers City finished first in the league, with Whittemore-Prescott taking second. Onaway placed third, the Vikings finished fourth and Alcona came in fifth.

Brown said the team is in good shape going into districts next week. The district tournament is on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, in Gaylord.

"I look forward for us to have a very competitive day," said Brown. "The kids are working hard and I'd like to see that pay off for them with excellent performances and hopefully the win."

Brown said the team has played strongly against Rogers City and Whittemore-Prescott. She thinks all of the teams are positioned to take districts.

Carol Lanczy and Amy Neal had

strong hitting and blocking at the tournament said Brown. Lanczy had 14 blocks, 62 passes and 21 serves. Neal contributed 16 blocks, 47 passes and 10 spikes.

There was good setting by Jessica St. Germain who provided 192 sets, 29 serves and 37 passes.

The Vikings were able to establish a solid offense with good passing by Brooke Blaauw, Jennifer Wejrowski, Monica Lawrence, Nici Wilcox and Vicki Creps.

Blaauw served 24, spiked seven, and passed 52 times. Wejrowski had 11 passes and four sets. Lawrence contributed 41 passes, 18 serves and 15 spikes. Wilcox came in with nine passes and three serves. Creps provided 15 passes, 5 serves and four sets.

23 years ago in sports March 2, 1972

The Grayling Vikings will meet the Rogers City Hurons in the Class B district tournament at Gaylord this Wednesday evenings, March 1, with game time set for 8 p.m.

New ski schedule for Hanson Hills

Thursday, March 2	5-9 p.m.
Saturday, March 4	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, March 5	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, March 12	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, March 18	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, March 19	11 a.m.-5 p.m.

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY

Boys Basketball League 3rd & 4th grade division

Fuelgas Clippers	8-0
Wendy's Hornets	4-4
Dan's Plumbing Hawks	3-5
Fick & Sons Superones	1-7

Youth Indoor Rollerblade

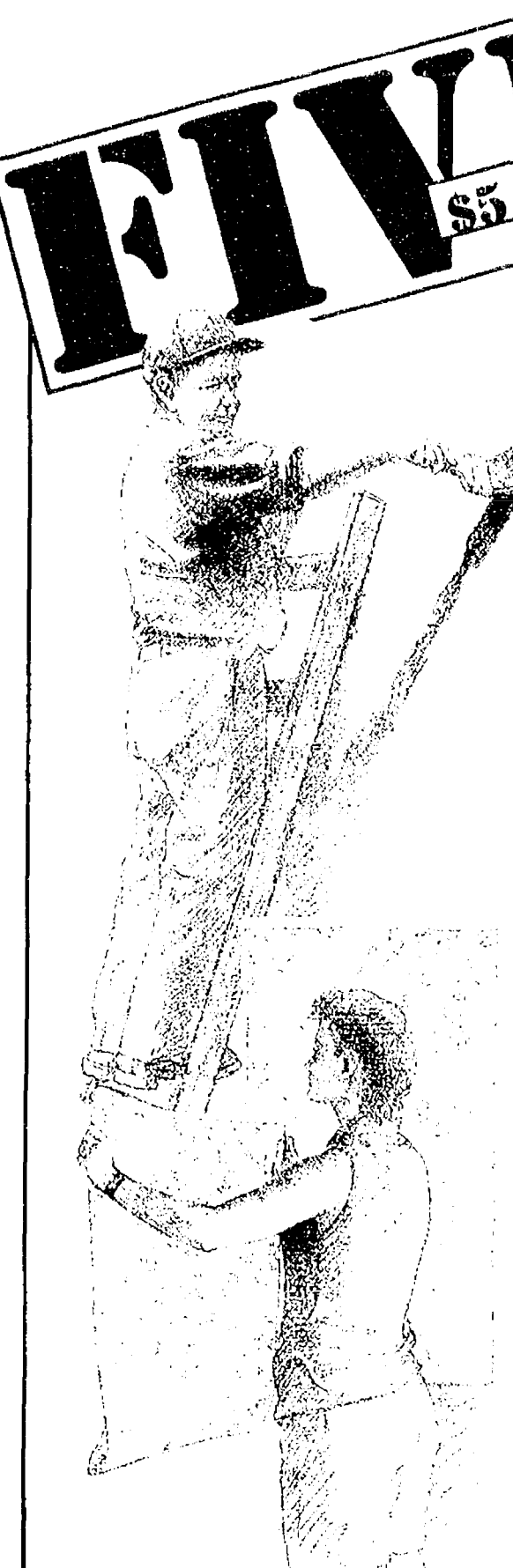
Hockey League

Barry Fenn DDS Maple Leafs	5-2
Chemical Bank North	
Red Wings	5-2
American Legion Lounge	
Sharks	4-3
Citipark Citgo Black Hawks	0-7

Duvall competing for Michigan Junior Miss title

Seventeen young women from around the state, all high school seniors, arrived in Alpena Sunday, Feb. 26, all vying for cash and college scholarships, along with the title of Michigan's Junior Miss and a chance to represent Michigan at the national

program, in Mobile, AL, in June. Mandy Duvall of Grayling is among the competitors that will be named following the program on Saturday, March 4, in Alpena High School's auditorium.



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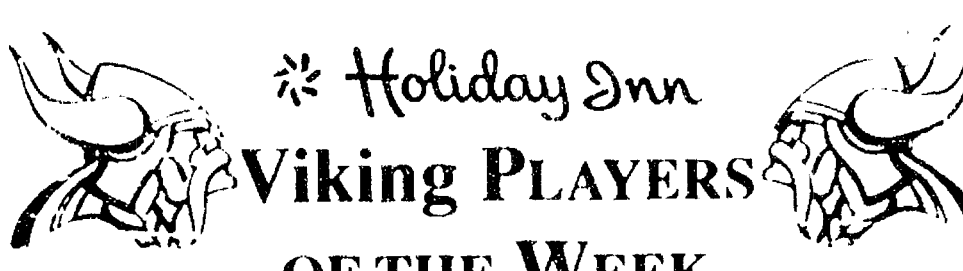
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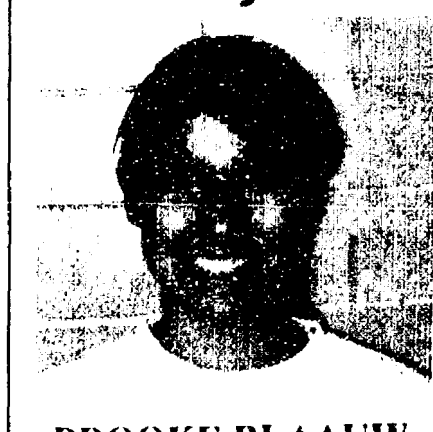
Holiday Inn Viking PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Basketball



BRIAN DUNCKLEY
Brian consistently contributes to the overall basketball team's effort. Brian is also a top student.

Volleyball



BROOKE BLAAUW
Brooke has consistently established the volleyball team's offense with top notch passing.

Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

PIKE SPEARING SEASON IS OVER for another year. It seems this past spearing season has been one of the best Lake Margrethe has seen for some years, with some very good catches of northern pike.

The pan fishing should get better as the days get longer and the sun gets warmer. Try Indian Lake in the evening using wax worms or wigglers. Fish all the way across the lake from the landing. Also try Big Twin Lake north of highway 612. Fish just out from the landing for trout and also smelt at night.

With a month of rabbit hunting left now might be good.



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NOTES NORTHERN

Section C - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, March 2, 1995

It's a grand old party when county republicans gather



REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN ART THAYER

Health Dept. reports impressive '94 year

Crawford County commissioners received a refund check of \$5,728 from the District 1 Health Department along with an annual report of the program's activities.

The county had paid the health department approximately \$76,000 for county services in 1994.

Margaret Larsen, District 1 Health Department, presented the report and refund check to the commissioners at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Larsen said that the number of clients who receive services from the health department has increased, but costs have declined.

In Crawford County the health department provided a total of 7,053 services to residents. The entire District Health Department, which is made up of Crawford, Missaukee, Wexford and Kalkaska counties, provided a total of 51,762 services.

The health department gave out 2,699 immunizations in 1994, including hepatitis, flu vaccines and immunizations for children under two years of age.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) was the biggest program with 5,872 clients in 1994. Monthly participation for WIC averaged 489 clients. WIC is a supplemental food program for pregnant women, infants and young children. The program provides nutrition education. The program follows the family through pregnancy and early childhood.

The health department also provides vision and hearing tests for preschool and school-age children, as well as scoliosis screening.

The health department in Crawford County also provided family planning to 81 clients and premarital education classes to 152 clients.

Tracking infectious diseases in Crawford County was also part of the health department's job. The numbers are based on reports from schools, physicians and clients.

- 1,029 flu-like symptoms reported
- 44 cases of chickenpox
- 97 cases of nuisance (head lice/scabies)
- 76 cases of strept-mono
- 5 cases of hepatitis

By Terry Wright
News Editor

After sweeping victories in both the state and national congress, republican party members all across America have taken every opportunity to celebrate.

The Crawford County Republican Party is no exception. At the annual republican Lincoln Day Dinner, held Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Grayling American Legion Hall, almost 120 jubilant members showed up to party for the party.

The guest of honor for the evening was newly elected Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller. Others seated at the speakers table were District 4 U.S. Rep. Dave Camp, R-Midland; District 37 Michigan Senator George McManus, R-Traverse City; State Rep. John Gernaat, R-McBain; State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling; and member of the State Board of Education Sharon Wise. Michigan Appeals Court Judge Peter O'Connell served as master of ceremonies.

Sprinkled throughout the audience were various elected county, township and city officials from Crawford and Roscommon counties. The hosts for the evening were Art Thayer, chairman of the Crawford County Republican Party and Mike Van Wormer, chairman of the Roscommon County republicans.

After a cocktail hour and dinner, the guests were introduced and each spoke a few words.

Wise said, "I don't believe our students are being prepared in our expanding global economy to successfully compete with European and Asian students. We have to focus on teaching knowledge.

"Our schools should provide a strong knowledge foundation and traditional moral values. We need to move from government schools to true public schools," Wise said.

Lowe then took the podium and said, "We are headed in the right direction. Government is best delivered where the people are. We will be dealing with every issue in the next two years. Keep your eyes on us — let us know how we're doing."

McManus spoke of taxes, unemployment, the state budget, the Michigan Department of Corrections and Medicaid.

"In the next year, I will be interested in the state's land purchasing policy in Michigan," McManus said. "I want to know what it is and I want to know what it should be."

Camp spoke of the republican "contract with America." It's exciting and an honor to be in Washington for you," Camp said. "We will succeed."

Miller drew applause when she said Michigan will soon have a new license plate. She said the Michigan Department of State has 181 branch offices, with about 2,100 employees. The department's annual budget is more than \$147 million.

"There is a lot of room for improvement," Miller said, "with the operative words being 'customer service.'"

She said some ideas her administration is looking into include, vehicle registration by facsimile, electronic on-line capabilities for businesses dealing in vehicles in volume, specialty license plates to raise money and touch-tone telephone vehicle and voter registration.

The dinner was highlighted by the introductions of Crawford County's oldest republican member and its youngest member. At 92-years old, Nelson Miles was born during the Theodore Roosevelt administration and has seen 17 presidents in office. The youngest member, Lucas Lowe at just over seven-months old has a lifetime of republican politics yet to live.



LINCOLN DAY REPUBLICAN DINNER-- MI SECRETARY OF STATE CANDICE MILLER

(Above) Michigan's new Secretary of State Candice Miller displays examples of special license plates that may soon be available to state drivers.

Miller said colleges, universities and service organizations may eventually have their own special plates.

Rep. Allen Lowe (right) greets friends at his hometown republican celebration. Lowe promised hard work and a bright future for citizens his 105th house district.

Art Thayer (above left), the Crawford County Republican Chairman, welcomes guests to the annual dinner. "It's always a great party when republicans get together," Thayer said.



STATE REP. ALLEN LOWE

Avalanche offers chance to send sweeties free message at EXPO '95, March 11-12

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Gota special message you'd like to send to someone special? How about something like this:

Dear Linda,
Words cannot express my love for you. You make me happier every day we're together.

Love Terry

The Crawford County Avalanche will offer everyone a chance to send that special message to anyone you would like, free of charge.

Send anyone a loving message, within acceptable social standards, and the Avalanche will print it — up to 15 words free.

Tell your spouse you can't live without him/her or tell your kids how very proud of them you are.

The only rules are that the first 15 words of all messages are free of charge, each word after 15 will cost 10 cents per word. Messages must include the first name of the message recipient and the first name of the sender, and must be sweet or romantic. Each person is limited to one message.

For those who don't have a message

to send, the Avalanche is offering a free 15-word classified ad which may be used in any Avalanche edition in March or April.

This offer is part of Avalanche's involvement in EXPO '95, "Crawford County on the Move," and will be valid only if you stop at the Avalanche booth at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Saturday or Sunday, March 11-12. Your romantic messages will be printed in the Avalanche in a special "message board" on Thursday, March 16.

The Avalanche is one of more than two dozen local businesses who will be showcasing their products and services to thousands of potential customers in one single weekend.

EXPO '95 is being presented by a special organizing committee led by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce to bring the community together to promote pride in service and workmanship, and education in available products and services.

A grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony, with local and state dignitaries, will officially kick off EXPO '95, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday,

March 11, with music and door prizes awarded every half-hour throughout the day until closing at 5 p.m.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the public is invited to view area products and services while learning about the business community of Crawford County. Area maps, directories and materials will be distributed free of charge.

On Saturday, between 9-11 a.m., a free "Good Morning Grayling," coffee and doughnut reception will be held, sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association. Information seminars will be held throughout the day.

On Sunday, "What's Cooking in Crawford County" will feature an opportunity for Grayling restaurants and food service providers to demonstrate a variety of specialty foods. The public is invited to join in the fun which will be held in the holiday pool area.

For information on EXPO '95, persons are asked to contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921.

Treasure Hunting at Grayling Elementary

for sapphires

Playing in a sandbox in the middle of winter? That's exactly what students in Mr. Hayes 4th grade class are doing, but they aren't playing with buckets and shovels.

Students are hunting for hidden treasures in the sand, specifically sapphires. This isn't any ordinary sandbox, it's a box of debris from the side of Elivay Mountain in western North Carolina.

In the early 1800s, the side of the mountain was mined for sand and rock containing minerals. It is theorized that material was taken down the mountain side by stonebolt and oxen. It was then washed at a site where a stream supplied con-

tinuous water.

Smaller debris washed through a screen leaving the big sapphires. Larger sapphires were shipped to the east coast to be ground and then cast into grind stones. The debris, which Mr. Hayes cleans in a screen, is then searched by the students.

Each student will be able to find at least 10 sapphires. Mr. Hayes will then sell the sapphires for the students. The sapphires are worth between 50 cents to \$2 each.

The proper term for sapphires is carborundum and are used for jewelry and grindstones. They are six-sided with a reflecting star at the end. Other minerals that can be found in the sandbox are pieces of kionite, rhucile, garnet, quartz, and mica.

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Unraveling '100' mysteries

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One activity was 'What can you build with a hundred blocks?' Seen with their creation is David Gilliland, 1st grade, Danny Latusek, 1st grade, Darryl Babbitt, 3rd grade and Jesse Vricek, 1st grade.

Other activities included stringing 100 Fruit Loops on a necklace, construction with 100 marshmallows and toothpicks, illustrating what you would look like at 100 years old, writing what would you buy with a \$100, hopping 100 times, sorting and classifying 100 different objects and constructing a number-line robot from one to 100.

The classes also learned the poem *100 Red Balloons* by Martain Shaw, and at the end of the day played with 100 red balloons in the gym, followed by cake in the classrooms.

Jump Rope for Heart

Frederic Elementary students will Jump Rope for Heart on Friday, March 3 from 12:15 to 2:55 p.m. Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association.

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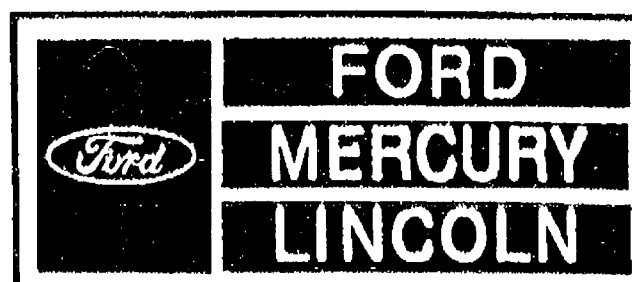
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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Killop

Nunn, Killop married

Holly Nunn and Chris Killop were united in marriage August 6, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Rev. Douglas Paterson officiated the double-ring ceremony for the daughter of Pat and Nancy Nunn of Grayling, and the son of Antoinette and James Killop of Warren.

Given in marriage by her father, Holly wore a white brocade dress accented with lace and pearls. She carried a trio of calla lilies, accented with the groom's favorite color, purple. The groom was dressed in black tails. Holly was piped down the aisle by John Pierce, with the remainder of the music provided by her aunt Judy Metcalf of Shepherd. A poem written for them by the bride's grandmother, Florence Nunn, was read by Shelly Kammer and Jeanette Wieland.

Paula Nunn, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Sheryl Batway of California, Donna Handley of Centerline, and Penny Barrick of Royal Oak, the bride's sister, were bridesmaids. The ladies were attired in jade-green dresses and carried a white calla lily. Jordan Killop, the groom's daughter, was the flower girl.

Craig Killop served as his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Michael Gartelle of Berkley, Dale Wolf of Shelby Township and Patrick Nunn, brother of the bride. Jarrad Barrick, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer, dressed in black tails.

The newlyweds greeted guests at a reception held at the Holiday Inn of Grayling.

Both are graduates of Eastern Michigan University and reside in Warren.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED—Roger and Mary Alzner were married Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Senior Citizen Center, with Rev. Joseph Carpenter performing the ceremony. A reception at the Senior Citizen Center followed the ceremony, with about 50 people in attendance.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. Donald Liebetreu and Ms. Theresa Howe would like to announce their engagement. Theresa is the daughter of Ron Doe of Grayling, and Doris Doe of Lincoln Park. Don is the son of Mrs. Barb Fandrick of Columbus, and Donald Liebetreu of Adair. A fall wedding is planned.

McManus co-sponsors public school funding bill

Michigan's public schools won't feel the pinch of a tight budget in future years under a bill introduced in the Senate and co-sponsored by Sen. George McManus.

Senate Bill 320 creates a separate school-aid reserve account within the state's budget-stabilization fund, also known as the "rainy-day fund." The amount deposited into the school-aid reserve account would be determined by a formula that takes into account the general-fund revenues, school-aid revenues and the size of the budget-stabilization fund.

The funds would ensure protection to Michigan's public school districts in the event of any future shortfalls in school aid because of a decline in revenues to the state.

"Our schools needn't suffer because of any potential state revenue shortfall," McManus said. "Educators face plenty of challenges every day; the last thing they need to worry about is whether or not they'll have enough money to keep the doors open."

This year, an estimated 45 percent of the state's projected \$1.1 billion

Polls show continued strong public support for education

Two out of three Americans favor increased spending for education, according to a new *NBC Wall Street Journal* poll, and 89 percent believe a federal Department of Education is necessary.

At a time when the American people want smaller, more efficient government, this and other recent surveys show unwavering support for investments in education.

The *NBC Wall Street Journal* poll, conducted Jan. 14-17, confirms a Jan. 6 *Washington Post/ABC News* poll finding that while eight of 10 people surveyed favor a balanced budget amendment, two of three said they would not support such an amendment if it meant that education or Social Security would be cut.

A poll conducted by the Times Mirror Center for The People and The

Press, released on Dec. 8, found that 64 percent would increase spending on public schools if given the opportunity to set federal budget priorities, while only six percent would decrease spending. Among 14 government programs cited, support for public schools was second only to anti-crime programs.

And a *New York Times/CBS* poll, conducted Dec. 6-9, found that 59 percent oppose cuts in education, while 22 percent support cuts.

"People know education is the key to prosperity and the wisest investment we can make in our children's and our nation's future," said U. S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley. "We can continue to make these investments while working to make government leaner and more efficient."

Home mortgage program offered

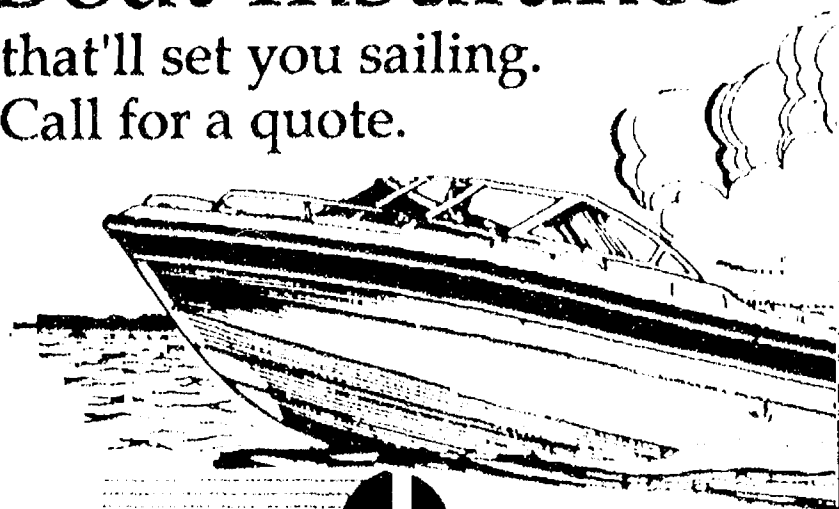
MSU Extension, in cooperation with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), is offering a Home Purchase Workshop. Topics covered during the workshop include, how to select a home, working with professionals including realtors and lenders, home inspections, shopping for a mortgage, and managing your money for home ownership.

MSHDA programs currently being funded are, (1) Acquisition Rehabilitation, (2) Down Payment Assistance, (3) Single-Family Loan, and (4) The Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate. Other loans available in the county will also be discussed.

Some loans require home-buying education counseling. A certificate will be presented at the end of the program fulfilling the requirement.

The class will be held in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse on Monday, March 20, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Classes are free, but preregistration is requested by calling the Crawford County Extension Office at 348-2841, extension 264.

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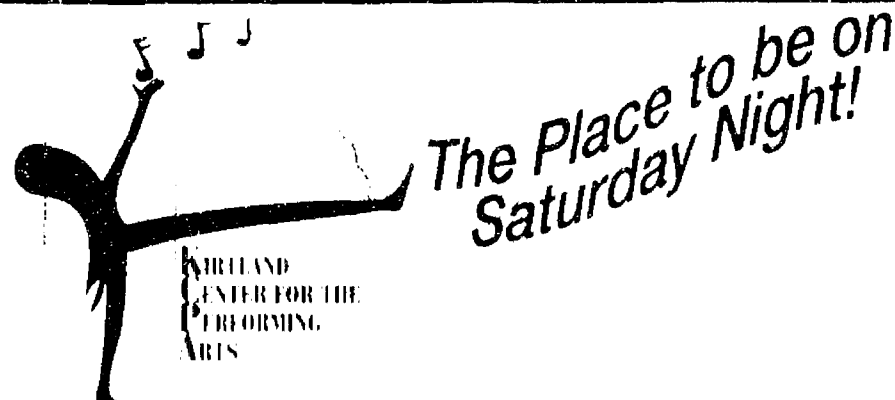
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Sunday, March 19, 7 pm - Othello. Shakespeare's tragedy of murder and betrayal. Tickets \$17 for Section A; \$14 for Section B; and \$10 for Section C (\$5 discount for students, kindergarten through college).

Saturday, March 25, 8 pm - The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians. Unbelievable feats of balance and dexterity. Great family entertainment. Tickets \$15 for Section A; \$13 for Section B; \$11 for Section C.

Saturday, April 8, 7 pm - Riders in the Sky. An evening of musical comedy sketches, by a group directly from Nashville. Family entertainment with non-stop laughter. Tickets \$15 for Section A; \$13 for Section B; \$11 for Section C.

The Lettermen, scheduled for Saturday, April 29 are **SOLD OUT**. To be put on a waiting list for a possible afternoon matinee, call Kirtland's Box Office immediately.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Good enough really isn't good enough!

Our bookkeeper is on hand to help seniors file their Homestead Property, Home Heating and Prescription Drug Credit forms. She will not be able to help file personal income taxes. Call for an appointment, 348-7123, and ask for Mary.

Remember the BK bingo birthday party on March 1 at 12:30 for all the March celebrants.

Make note to come for Sunday brunch on March 5, anytime, from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m.

Remember the "Big Picture" on Monday at the movies, 5:30 p.m.

March 6-Wyatt Earp.

March 13-Beethoven, not the music man, but the dog.

March 20-Tombstone.

March 27-The Addams Family.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and you don't have to do the dishes. Any senior, or spouse, in Crawford County, that is 60 or older is welcome, and bring your friends and family. The suggested donation is \$1.50 for seniors and a \$2.50 charge for those under 60.

Please take note! Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins -- but for the most part, try to call ahead. Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner:
March 1-Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken;

March 2-Pot Roast/Liver & Onions;
March 3-Baked Ham;
March 6-Fish/Roast Pork;
March 7- Stuffed Turkey/Oven Chicken;
March 8-Chicken & Biscuits/BBQ Pork;
March 9-Roast Beef/Stuffed Ham;
March 10-Sweet & Sour Chicken.

Coming Events

March 1-"BK Bingo" and birthday party for all March celebrants.
March 2-5:30 p.m., "Mystery."
March 3-Frederic Day at the Center with lunch and fun and games.
March 5-Sunday Brunch with Sausage Gravy & Biscuits!
March 6-Movie at 5:30 p.m., Wyatt Earp.
March 7-Cards nite at 5:30 p.m.
March 8-"Hangman" at 5:30 p.m.
March 9-White Elephant Auction at 5:30 p.m.
March 10-Foot clinic by appointment.

Card of thanks

We would like to thank everyone at Mercy Hospital, St. John Lutheran Church, the EMTs, friends and family for the help, care and kindness given to Lois during her illness. Thank you everyone. She is looking forward to a speedy recovery and the time she will be able to get out and about as usual.
Lois LaGrow and family

In memory of

In loving memory of Cecil J. Canfield
Oct. 12, 1908 - March 5, 1994
Dad,
To me you were someone special, and I miss you more each day. The saddest day of my life was the day you passed away. I think of you as always, and so often hear your name. I have so many memories and cherish your picture in a frame. And though I cannot reach you, and your voice, I long to hear, I know you walk beside me, never absent, always near.
Love,
Your Daughter, Judy

In memory of

Seeley G. Wakeley, 2-24-94
Grandpa
The worn old slippers sit beside the lonesome rocking chair. The papers lie upon the stand where he last put them there. The silence tells the story, more than any words can say. His song no longer fills the air, for Grandpa's gone away.

Somewhere beyond that shining star, out in the realm of space, Our Grandpa walks, and sings a song, a smile upon his face. And in our memory he'll dwell until our final day. We miss him--and it's lonesome since Grandpa went away.
Michele, Yvonne, Ann, Brenda, Michael, Melissa, Cy Aaron, Stephanie and Jessica

Card of thanks

Thanks to Lori from the post office for pulling me out of the ditch on M-93.

Remembering A Special Man

"Because of him our own small world will never be the same. And all our hearts are filled with love when people speak his name... but though his face may not be seen among us here today, his love is felt in all the hearts he changed along the way."
George R. Pamerleau
1915 - 1989

OBITUARIES

Clell Myers

Clell Sheridan "Shorty" Myers, 84, of Roscommon, South Branch Township, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 1995, at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m., at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, with Pastor Leslie Sellers officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, Roscommon.

Mr. Myers was born May 11, 1910, in Shelby, OH, to Montana A. and Mary Amanda (Freeland) Myers. He had been a resident of Roscommon since 1941, and had worked as a cowhand, placer miner, trapper, blacksmith, metal working and repair in military and civilian life, and worked in the lumber industry. He also served in the U. S. Army during WWII.

Mr. Myers was a member of the Michigan Trappers Assn., and was named trapper of the year in 1987. He and his wife, Ruth, became members of the Trappers Hall of Fame in 1990. He was a life-member of Higgins-Houghton VFW Post 4159, CCC, American Legion, first in Roscommon, then in Grayling, and he was a Boy Scout leader. They attended Roscommon Free Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, in 1986; son, Robert M. Myers in 1967; and brother Arthur Myers.

Survivors include: Son, Joseph R. and wife Joan Myers of Roscommon; daughter, Edith M. and husband Dennis Hudson of Akeley, MN; 10 grand-

children; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Ray and wife Shirley Myers of Fairview; and many nieces and nephews.

Stuart Rutledge

Stuart L. Rutledge, 82, of Winter Haven, FL, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 1995, at Winter Haven Hospital. Services were held Thursday, Feb. 2, at Ott-Laughlin Chapel in Winter Haven, with Dr. August Bernthal officiating. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery.

Mr. Rutledge was born March 13, 1912, in Port Huron. In his earlier years, his family moved to Roscommon, where he attended Roscommon schools, graduating in 1928. He was the retired owner of Rutledge Bros. Hardware & Sporting Goods store in Roscommon.

Mr. Rutledge was active with the Gerrish-Higgins Board of Education, where he served as president, secretary, treasurer and trustee. He also served as trustee and president on the Roscommon Village Council, and was a charter member of the Roscommon Rotary Club in 1950.

Survivors include: Wife, Lillian of Winter Haven, FL; brother, Blaine of Winter Haven, FL; and cousins, Jim Rutledge of Roscommon, and Jean Burr of California.

Mr. Rutledge suggested that memorials be made to First Congregational Church in Roscommon, the Diabetes Association, Roscommon Area Historical Society, or the Community Recreation, Activities and Fitness (CRAF) Center in Roscommon.

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- Furnishings
- Landscaping
- Gardening



The 1995 Spring Home Improvement Guide will be published in the March 23, 1995 issue of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, and will be handed out free at the Tri-Lakes Home Show on March 25th & 26th in Houghton Lake.

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March 23, 1995

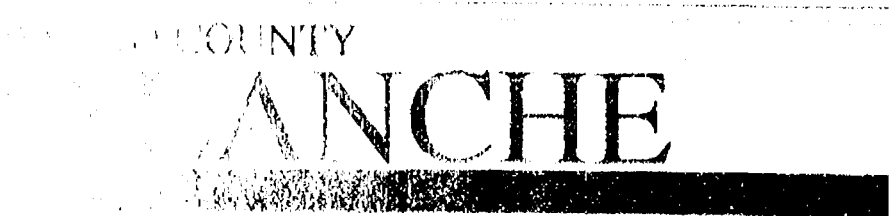
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Pavilion food stand bids

Bids are now being accepted from chamber member organizations with non-profit status interested in operating the pavilion food stand July 28 and 29 during the AuSable River Festival.

Bid forms are available at the chamber office, by calling 348-2921 or by writing to P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arts and crafts show

Gertie and Herb Westlake have volunteered to head up the arts and crafts show during the AuSable River Festival.

Gertie brings her experience from the show she runs each year for the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. We have combined our mailing lists and will work together for the benefit of

both events.

If you would like an application form, call or write the chamber office.

Hospice with Loving Care office opens

The program advisory board of Hospice with Loving Care announced the opening of an office in Grayling. The board reached this decision based on input and needs of community members in Crawford County. Hospice with Loving Care has long served Crawford County, as well as Roscommon County. This new site in Grayling will make hospice services more available to patients and families in Crawford County, along with neighboring Kalkaska and Oscoda counties.

White gold

The last report on the Grayling Area Visitor's Council (GAVC) 800 phone line, shows over 2,600 calls in a 1-month period. The bulk of these were for snowmobiling information.

When the snow finally came, so did the snowmobilers. The weekend of Feb. 18-19, every available room was filled.

With the help of the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association (GGSA) the Hoosier Snowmobile Weekend was also a success. Even though it was before the heavier snowfall, some 75 sleds were on the trails.

Snowmobiling continues to grow as a strong winter tourism draw, and the GAVC is expanding its promotional campaign. Pete Misiak has been hired to produce a video piece which will be used in various promotions, including trade shows. Thanks to the GGSA for their assistance, including a ride in the groomer. Dick Fultz and Dave Forbush helped set up cross-country skiing shots. Some canoeing will also be included, as well as down-hill skiing at Hanson Hills.

Similar videos may be produced for other seasons and attractions.

March 16-19 GAVC members will be in Grand Rapids, promoting Grayling at a big outdoor-recreation show.

Tourism begins at home

Forty-eight 10-person teams, their coaches, parents and fans will be here March 24-26 for the A.A.U. girl's basketball regionals.

Harold Mertes said the

AuSable Valley Girls basketball club plans to make this an annual event, including a state final every other year. The teams will play on courts in Grayling and Gaylord. For more information call Mertes at 348-9744.

Events such as this bring a lot of people to Grayling, and are an important part of our total tourism picture.

Our international connection

The growing international connection of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon was cited during a dialogue on national tourism at Treetops Resort in Gaylord on Feb. 17.

The Michigan Travel Commission and Travel Bureau took input in preparation for a White House Conference on Travel and Tourism this October.

While the Travel Bureau stressed the need to promote globally now to prepare for the future,

many of the participants stressed more focus on defining the tourism industry to determine exactly what it is we should be promoting.

Chamber Executive Director Jerry Meyer stressed national focus on the issues of transportation, housing assistance for workers in the entry-level tourism jobs, and continued dialogue in areas where state and federal parks, public lands and private sector operations provide a combined tourism area.

School millage

Education is a key component of the chamber's economic development picture, and the board is urging every member to become informed about the March 21 millage proposal.

Plant and retail locations usually include an assessment of the education system available for employees. School facilities are often used for tourism and business

related events, and school activities can draw hundreds of people.

As chamber members, it is our obligation to review and assess the proposed bond issue, and vote our convictions on March 21.

Executive director's report

Our real estate transactions are moving smoothly, and we should be moved by around March 20.

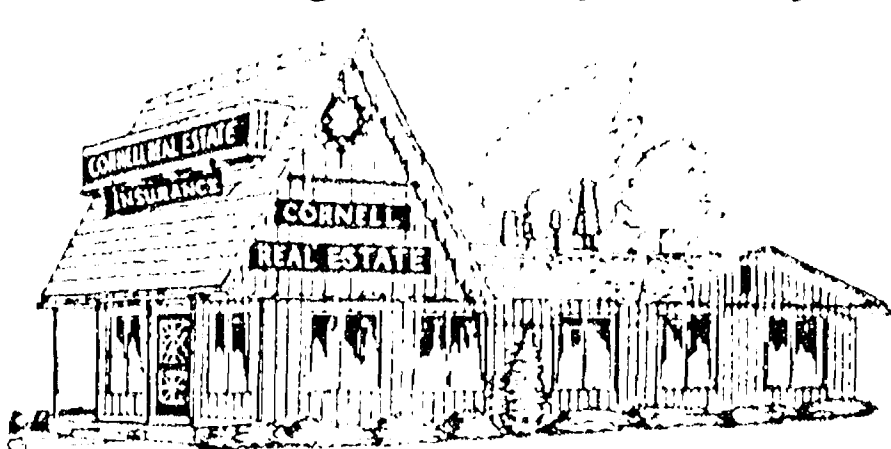
The first month on the job has been extremely busy, with numerous projects underway.

As the "front door" of the community, we greet dozens of people who come to Grayling for recreation and business. In just the short time I have been on the job I have talked with a person considering a small factory here, and a couple interested in a tourism-related business. Grayling has the growth potential they are looking for, and we are using the mechanisms in place to encourage their decision.

March Calendar of Events

- 1st Grayling Area Visitors Council Board meeting, Holiday Inn, 8:15 a.m.
- 1st Expo Committee meeting, Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m.
- 3rd Crawford County Industrial Fund, City Council chambers, 8 a.m.
- 8th Executive Board meeting, president's residence, 4 p.m.
- 10th Business After Hours, Holiday Inn, 6 to 8 p.m. A pre-business Expo function.
- 11th Business Expo opens at the Holiday Inn with a 9:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- 12th Business Expo continues, including the "Taste of Grayling."
- 15th Chamber Board meeting, City Council chambers, 8 a.m.
- 21st Crawford AuSable School Millage vote.
- 22nd AuSable River Festival Committee meeting, Iron Gate Restaurant, 8 a.m.
- 31st M-72 Lake to Lake Association meeting, Grayling State Bank, 10 a.m.

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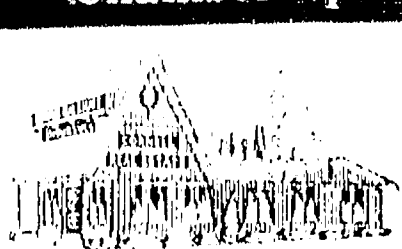


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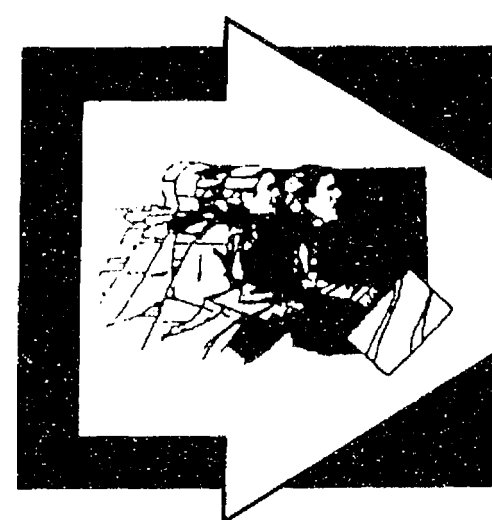
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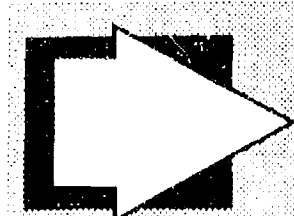
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Saturday, March 11, 1995
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"Overview of Services"
By Old Kent Bank - 11:30 am

"Beauty Tips"
By A Cut Above - 12:30 pm

"Building the Picture"
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MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES, INC. in Grayling needs volunteers to help with patient care. You will assist with personal care, errands, respite care, provide companionship, hospice clerical projects and generally provide support to hospice patients under the direction of the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Ellen Light at (517) 348-4383. -2/3

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3. Employment

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AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE-GRAYLING has a position for File Clerk. Duties will include creating and maintaining the file system, organizing materials for files and performing general clerical duties. Requires a high school diploma or GED and six months of clerical experience. Contact Dorman Gobel, Office Manager, at (517) 348-4383. -2/3

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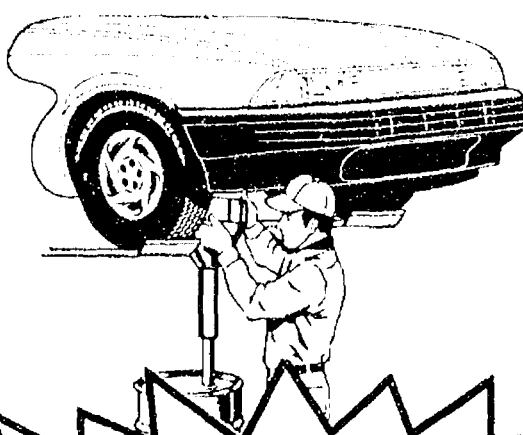
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Crawford AuSable School District State of the School

February 13, 1995

Kent S. Reynolds, Superintendent

This is an exciting time to be in public education in the state of Michigan! For the last 20 years, educators and boards of education have lamented inequities in the state's method for funding education. Taxpayers demanded an end to an over reliance on property taxes. With the approval of Proposal A last March, we entered a new era in Michigan public education. Residential property taxes in the Crawford AuSable School District were reduced 78 percent! The average residential property owner saved over \$500 with many saving over \$1,000! The inequitable series of state-aid categories were consolidated into a single per-student foundation grant. The legislature and governor promised to bring all districts up to an adequate funding level within five years. The Crawford AuSable School District was eighth from the bottom of the 525 districts in the state two years ago and 15th from the bottom last year. This year the district is one of 32 districts at the bottom with the starting-level foundation grant this year. If the legislature and governor fulfill their promise, 302 or 58 percent of all school districts, including Crawford AuSable, will receive the basic-level foundation grant five years from now; a giant step toward equity.

While operating with less money per student than almost any district in the state, the Crawford AuSable School District has practiced fiscal responsibility. We have not cut programs and have avoided other budget-balancing actions that would have had a negative effect on students and families. We have engaged in strategic planning, operated within a 5-year plan, met state requirements, placed programs and services for students first, implemented research-based instructional and operational practices, and maintained a balanced budget. While we often hear the concern for the loss of local control, the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education has maintained strong local control, leading and directing; not complaining and making excuses. As state funding will increase over the next five years, it is now appropriate to examine the condition of education within the district and the implementation of the district strategic plan.

In February of 1991, the board charged a community-based team of 25 with the development of a district strategic plan. During three intense days, the team generated a mission statement, statements of belief, strategic policies, and three district goals with 10 enabling strategies. Over the following year, planning teams involving more than 100 people developed action plans to address the goals and strategies. The teams presented 37 detailed action plans to the board in the spring of 1992. In a series of work sessions, the board and administrative team developed timelines for implementation of each plan resulting in a 5-year plan with annual goals for each year from 1992-93 through 1997-98. In May of 1992,

the board of education adopted the entire 5-year strategic plan culminating 15 months of work involving all segments of the school community.

At this midpoint for the 1992-5 year plan, I am pleased to report that implementation of 22 of the 37 action plans is complete or will be complete by the end of this school year. We have made progress toward completing another 10. In summary, 32 of the 37 action plans are now complete or are progressing toward completion.

An examination of the annual goals set for each of the five years within the plan reveals similar success. Sixty-six annual goals were spread over five years. Thirty-five are now complete or will be complete by the end of this school year. Another 10 are partially complete. In total, 45 of the 66 annual goals are now complete or are progressing to completion at this halfway point in the 5-year plan. Eleven of the goals that have not been addressed were designated for the 1996-97 school year as low priority goals.

Strategic planning goals:

The three district goals adopted with the strategic plan were:

- To increase district-wide parental and community involvement in the schools,
- To improve internal and external communication, and
- To graduate 100 percent of our students and to ensure that each student reaches full potential.

Improvements resulting from the strategic plan

I would like to highlight a few of the improvements we have made as directed by the action planning teams as they addressed the three district goals:

Site based management:

An operational plan with site-based management is now in place. Communication throughout the district has improved. The quality of decision making has improved as all members of the school community have the opportunity for participation directly or through school-improvement team representatives. The Grayling Elementary "lunch in the classrooms" program is an example of involving a team made up of all interested groups to develop a quality solution for a difficult problem.

Graduation requirements revised:

Graduation requirements were revised based upon recommendations from the district business and industry advisory council. The new requirements include community service, an occupational-exploration project, and demonstration of teamwork skills, personal-management skills, and applied academic skills. Significant in the revised requirements is the partnership created between the education and business communities to address mutual needs. It is important for both groups to continue this dialogue.

Student portfolios:

Portfolios for all students provide an alternate form of assessment. Students select their best work for inclusion in their portfolio. Students

also include materials showing that they have met the new graduation requirements for community service, the occupational-exploration project, and teamwork skills.

Telephone system:

We installed a new telephone system this year. Parents and others calling into the district told us they wanted to reach a live operator. They wanted fewer busy signals and they were interested in a "hotline" system. The new system combines all those features using automated answering after hours, when the operator is on another call, and for the "hotline." The "hotline" gives parents information regarding activities in their children's classes, homework, school activities, and school closings. Communication between the home and school is improved. Parents have more and better information to help them as their children's primary educators.

Parent teacher conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are now more convenient for parents. Last spring the Frederic parents group presented to the district improvement team, an analysis of parent-teacher conferences with recommendations for improvement. An improved format for the conferences was developed based on their recommendations. Conferences are held at varying times during the day and evening. Appointments are now available at the middle school and high school. Conference times are staggered between buildings allowing parents with children in several buildings a better opportunity to attend all their children's conferences. We must continue to seek and use such valuable parent input.

School Matters:

We began publication of the district newsletter, *School Matters*. This quarterly publication is mailed to parents, community groups and businesses, and others interested in their schools. We invite suggestions from parents and the community regarding topics for future issues.

Technology:

We adopted an ambitious plan for technology as an instructional tool. An integrated learning-system network was installed in the high school two months ago. It includes courseware that assesses a student's ability level in reading, mathematics, and science. The teacher prescribes a computerized individualized instructional program with instructional activities, practice sets and problems. The courseware sequences from kindergarten through 12th grade. It routes students through instruction in areas where they fail to show mastery and moves students forward as they succeed. Students who were discouraged and not interested in school are arriving early to get on the system and are showing excellent progress.

The system is flexible. It allows use of a variety of application software in addition to the K-12 courseware. The lab is used for remedial courses, individualized study, computer-science courses, and advanced level courses. CD-ROM drives attached to the network allow students to use a

variety of research tools. The concept of an entire encyclopedia on a single CD may be difficult to comprehend but it allows better and more entertaining information to be accessed by more students at one time than printed material.

A network similar to that in the high school will be installed in the middle school within the next two months. We are currently researching courseware for the elementary schools. We will purchase and install systems for those buildings this summer.

"At risk" program:

Improved programs, fully funded by the state for students "at risk" for failure were initiated this year. This fall we hired paraprofessionals for each first through fifth-grade classroom to help students who are behind in reading and mathematics. With individualized and small-group instruction, students are succeeding. Classroom teachers have more time for all the students. The integrated learning systems provide an excellent tool for further individualizing instruction for "at risk" students guided by the paraprofessionals. The 35 new paraprofessionals are an outstanding group. They range in age from 19 to 76. Many have college degrees or some college coursework. They are an invaluable resource of experience and dedication.

Inclusion:

Special Education, Chapter I, and other special services are provided under an inclusive education philosophy. By receiving services from a specialist in the regular classroom, students do not miss regular classroom activities and instruction. This individualized attention relates directly to the class's instructional activities. Regular classroom teachers have more time for all students as they do not have to review what students missed when they were "pulled out" of the classroom and because special help with the regular instructional program is given by the specialist.

Alternative education:

An alternative-education program, fully funded by the state, for students aged 16 through 19 began this fall. The program serves students who were unsuccessful in the regular school program. Thirty-two students who had dropped out of school, enrolled in adult education last year, or who just "hung on" in high school are enrolled. The program starts at 4:00 in the afternoon allowing students to meet their "on-the-job" or community-service requirement and giving them the full resources of the media center and integrated-learning system. Six are on line to graduate this year. We know that all students do not learn in the same way and that each student has a unique set of needs. We must establish programs to ensure that each can be successful and that each can become a productive member of society.

Continued next week

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Caught in the Act



CAUGHT BEING GOOD — Frederic Elementary Students pictured (Back, L-R) Matthew Strohpaal, Joshua Spencer, Justin Lobsinger, Kimberli Mitchell, Ashley Sajdak, and Tyler Huber. (Front, L-R) Billy Partello, Eddie Budd, David Gilliland and Sarah Dent.

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ARIES
March 21-April 19

Don't be fooled by some "get-rich-quick" scheme. Use your common sense to get out of there fast!

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

A special project is ready to put on the table. Be sure you have your ducks in a row before presenting it to VIP's.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

If you need help investing your hard earned money, look to a professional. Don't be fooled by misguided entrepreneurs.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Exaggerating the truth will do more harm than good. Be up-front about your assets and you will gain the support and confidence of others.

LEO
July 23-Aug 22

A quick trip to a warmer climate is in the offing. Take advantage of your position and go for it.

VIRGO
Aug 23-Sept 22

Emotional stability seems harder and harder to come by. Don't give in to your fears. Address problems individually.

LIBRA
Sept 23-Oct 22

A phone call relates bad news. Keep your head on when dealing with fickle relatives. Be patient.

SCORPIO
Oct 23-Nov 21

Your comments may come under fire. Be prepared to defend your position. Show fortitude and resiliency.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 22-Dec 21

You may be apt to overspend on frivolous items. Track your spending habits carefully and cut back whenever possible.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 19

Ignore ramblings of insensitive individual. Hold your tongue when confronted with stupidity or naivete.

AQUARIUS
Jan 20-Feb 18

A romantic relationship could develop unexpectedly. Look for another Aquarius to enter your life.

PISCES
Feb 19-March 20

Relatives come to visit. Do the town and quietly send them on their way. Allowing them to overstay their welcome could be disastrous.

MISTY NEEDS A HOME--Misty is a shepherd mix. She is a year old and is housebroken. She loves kids and is very gentle. If you would like to give her a good home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

The salt used to thaw snow and ice can dry and crack your dog's paws, so use a damp towel to wipe off his feet and underside, advises the Animal Protection Institute.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago
March 2, 1972

Four Class C district winners begin the fight for survival in the Grayling regional tournament Tuesday night, March 7, and the right to advance onto the quarterfinal round of the MHSAA State Basketball Tournament.

District winners assigned to the Grayling regional by the association will be from Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, LeRoy-Pine River and Houghton Lake.

Ken Louchart, new industrial arts, drafting teacher at Grayling High School, came to Grayling after spending several years with the Standish Sterling and the Linden School systems.

A graduate of Bay City Central High School and Central Michigan University, he completed the master's degree program at Northern Michigan University in 1970.

Mr. Louchart and his wife, Susanne, have purchased the former Minor home on Vilas Street.

Sue Meoak, daughter of Mrs. Bruce Babbitt of Maple Forest, and Mary Liz McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara of Grayling, tied for 1st place in the recent American Legion Oratory Contest held locally. Third place went to Carol Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Reed of Grayling.

Is this person Crawford County's oldest lifetime male resident?

Arthur Feldhauser, 83, of 404 Plum St., Grayling, was born in Crawford County, Oct. 20, 1888, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser. He has spent his entire lifetime in Crawford County, having lived in Maple Forest, Lovells and Grayling at different times.

Mr. Feldhauser says that he has voted in every election since he was old enough. He believes that he has been here the longest of any man in Crawford County, but if anyone who was born in Crawford County and has lived here all their life, can beat this record, we would like to know at the Avalanche.

Pvt. Daniel J. Myers, a Frederic resident, is home on leave from recruit training which he took at the Marine Corps recruit depot in San Diego, CA. He is presently on a 15-day leave and will return to San Diego and attend communication and electronic school, which starts on March 17.

The retirement party given by friends Sunday for Ralph and Rita Sarrault was well attended. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longdyke of

Southfield, and long-time summer residents of Lovells, were recently hosted at a 35th anniversary party given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox of Troy.

The highlights of the day were the champagne fountain and movies shown of the Longdyke's 25th anniversary celebration. A buffet supper was served for them and their 35 guests.

Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Doty and two children arrived from Germany Saturday evening to spend a month's leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welsh and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Doty. They will return to Germany for another year.

Mrs. Robert Meaker and Mrs. Sam Bailey saw two robins last Wednesday morning while on their way to Gaylord.

Mrs. Jim McClain entertained at a family dinner honoring the birthdays of Mr. F.J. McClain and Jerry McClain last Wednesday.

The State Health Department is attempting to immunize all children from age one thru 11 years, against both types of measles. Special clinics will be held each Monday afternoon in March in your local health department office.

Immunization against Rubella, commonly called Red Measles or hard measles, and Rubella known as 3-day or German measles will be given.

46 years ago
March 3, 1949

Henning A. Knudsen of Grayling received last week from Amalienborg Castel, Copenhagen, Denmark, the King Christian the Tenth Commemoration Medal for his participation in the last war. The medal and accompanying certificate were ordered issued by the king and was signed by Prince Harold upon the recommendation of the Danish Foreign Minister. Knudsen was a Danish citizen when he enlisted in the United States Army and became a citizen of this country after he had served eight months with the armed forces. The medal is inscribed "King Christian the Tenth Erindrings Medaille."

The band concert held on Wednesday turned out to be a tremendous success. There were well over 600 people who attended and we even ran out of programs.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Loeffler on the arrival of a new son, who was born last week at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Frank Bond was hostess to the Saturday Bridge Club on Feb. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers expect to join Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Barrus in Detroit and leave with them for a vacation in Florida.

L. L. Bunker, seaman apprentice, U.S.N., son of the Howard Bunkers, is touring the Mediterranean, while serving aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Steinaker with the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Naval Forces.

George Schaible, Jr., purchased a new Pontiac deluxe sedan coupe from Parsons & Lamm.

Miss Phyllis Fairbotham recently received a very nice letter from Mrs. Alexander H. Kerr, president of the Kerr Glass Mfg. Corp of Los Angeles, complimenting her on her achievement in winning the 1948 Kerr County canning contest.

Mrs. Harry McEvers was guest of honor at a stork shower on Feb. 17 at her home. Several games were played and prizes won.

A daughter, Linda Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seator of East Lansing, on Feb. 17. The mother was formerly Beth Serven.

Conservation officer Russell Wright and family are moving into the Alva Hunt house.

Glen and Robert Leng Jr., of Ashtabula, OH, are visiting relatives in Frederic, before beginning their summer's work on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Sandy Thompson (Jeannie Hanson) was honored with a shower given by Mrs. Whitey Madsen at her home on Feb. 18. Games and cards were played and prizes won.

69 years ago
March 4, 1926

Mrs. Elsie Erickson of Grand Rapids arrived this afternoon for a week's visit at the home of her aunts, Mrs. J. W. Sorenson and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson.

Messrs. Nels Corwin, Chris Hoseli, John Mathieson and Meno Corwin left Sunday night for Lansing to drive back four new Star cars.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a daughter, Mary Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roe of Detroit on Feb. 24. The mother will be remembered as Miss Mabel Collen.

Word from Port Angeles, WA, announces the recent marriage of Clare E. Madsen, son of Mrs. Louis Meade of this city, to Miss Elma McDonald. The groom is well known in Grayling and his friends extend best wishes.

The birth of a daughter Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen of Birmingham, will be

glad news to their Grayling friends. Mother and babe are getting along nicely at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Olaf Sorenson and Sons store is undergoing remodeling. The partition between the front part of the store and the music room is being torn down leaving a large space that will be made into a first class ice cream parlor.

Miss Beverly Schaible was a happy girl on her birthday, Friday, Feb. 26, when 15 young friends attended her birthday party at her home at the Military Reservation. Her father met the party at the school house with sleighs and first gave them a speedy ride over the five miles of highway to their home. Mrs. Ben Landsberg accompanied the party and assisted in entertaining.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Trolley

5. S-shaped worm

8. Exist

10. Woman's name

12. Famous opera house, fam.

13. Related

14. Whits

15. Slanting

17. No cash value, init.

19. Nourishment

20. Reach

23. Giver

26. Tune

27. Palestinian organization, init.

28. Egypt, sacred bull

29. Greek letter

30. Weird

33. Faux

34. Ardor

36. Mother

37. Wapiti

38. Creed

40. Curses

42. Lope, is one

44. Noah built it

45. Sleeping car

48. Snort

52. Three, in Rome

DOWN

53. Squeeze out

54. Red fluorescent dye

55. Article

56. Color

57. Following

1. Three

2. Old auto

3. Social insect

4. Intended

5. Printer's measures

6. Ego

7. Tolerated

8. Storage place

9. Chang's twin

11. Run away

13. Abductor

16. Nonsense!

18. Base

20. Passageway

21. Geometric shape

22. Standards

24. Gemstone, pl.

25. Gamble

26. Maternity goddess, Egypt

31. State in U.S.

32. Come forth

35. Man's name

39. Stopwatch, e.g.

41. Ohio city

43. Accept

45. School organization

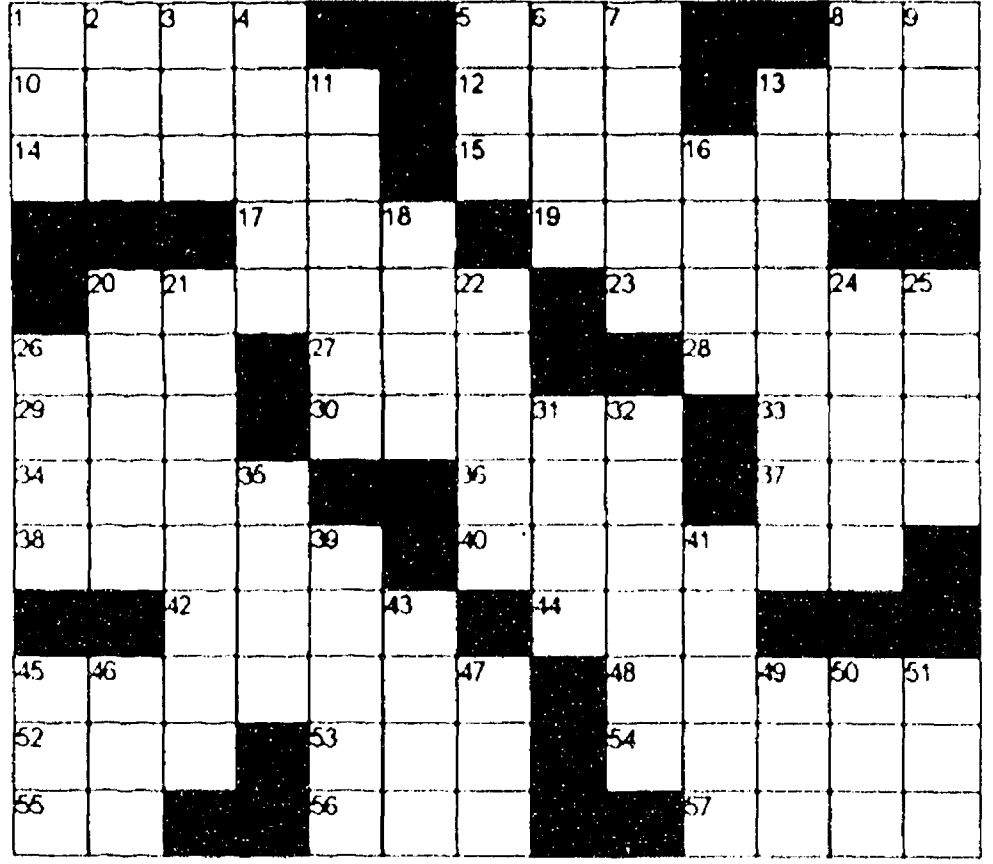
46. Vase

47. Sparks

49. Employ

50. Water sprite

51. Explosive



Weather picture



Local Weather

Courtesy of the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable 2nd Graders

Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Snow on ground
2/22	23	9	t	12"
2/23	30	7		12"
2/24	37	9		12"
2/25	20	12	0.02	12"
2/26	19	12	0.01	11"
2/27	24	4		11"
2/28	28	6		11"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy, with a 50 percent chance of scattered snow showers. The highs will be around 20. Thursday and Friday both call for dry weather, but will be a bit colder. The lows for Thursday will be zero to five above, with the high in the upper teens, and Friday's highs will be around 20. Saturday calls for a chance of snow or snow mixed with rain. The highs will be in the upper 20s, with the lows in the teens.

TALL TIMBER TALES

By Mark Stormzand

Tracks

As Dennis and Walt pulled away, Walt shouted out the window, "If you're not back by dark, we will come looking for you."

I waved and shouted, "If I'm not back by dark, don't bother looking for me till spring. I will be frozen solid."

The wind was coming right off Lake Huron and it was making the seven below temperature seem like thirty below. I was trying desperately to buckle my snowshoes, but with my gloves off, my fingers were refusing to work. Finally, after many attempts they were hooked. I struggled to put my pack on. It was rather heavy with eight cans of paint, plus the bulky clothes I was wearing did not help. I made a quick check of my gear to make sure I had my compass, maps, and aerial photos. Along with my paint gun, these were the items I needed to tackle the day's project.

Four fellow foresters and I were going to spend the next two days establishing and repainting thirteen miles of boundary lines. This is one of our favorite tasks because it allows us to cover a wide area and see many different forest types, different wildlife habitats, and some interesting examples of nature. Even though it was wicked cold, I was excited.

Looking at my aerial photo, I could see that the three miles of line I was to

run would take me through a variety of timber types. I would be traveling through cedar swamps, mature mixed hardwood aspen stands, a variety of different age clearcuts, and some open grassy areas.

While sighting my compass down the line, I could see old paint marks on the trees. This was great! It meant I could follow the old marks and repaint as I went. This would allow me to look at things around me rather than looking straight ahead through my compass all day.

I headed due West, which immediately took me into a cedar swamp. The snow in there was not very deep, so the shoeing was excellent. As I traveled, I began to notice game trails that criss-crossed through the swamp. These trails were caused by deer using the same path to travel to and from their food source. Once the trail is packed, the deer find it easier to walk on than the open snow. I could see where deer had bedded down to sleep and in some cases where they had browsed the cedar trees. Other than the deer tracks passing through, I did not notice any other tracks.

After an hour in the swamp, I came into an area which had been clearcut five years earlier. My line now took me on the edge between the clearcut and a mature aspen-white birch stand. While walking, I noticed more and more tracks. There were rabbit tracks, grouse tracks, deer tracks, mouse tracks, and coyote tracks.

There were tracks everywhere. I could see rabbit tracks going under brush piles left as logging debris. There were very little, delicate mouse tracks that looked like the owner had skipped across the snow. Deer had left deep tracks where they had broken through the snow. Sometimes, there were so many tracks they all blended together.

For the last quarter mile I had crossed a coyote track maybe 20 times. I realized this coyote had been traversing the area between the clearcut and the mature forest. Ahead of me, I saw rabbit tracks, and right next to them the coyote tracks. For the next 50 yards, wherever the rabbit had gone the coyote followed. Both sets of tracks veered off deeper into the new

forest and I had to continue straight, but I knew the coyote had been looking for a bit of supper.

My line now brought me into a mature aspen stand with a few large oaks scattered about. I saw a few scattered deer tracks but that was about all. This did not surprise me, because except for some acorns, there was neither food nor shelter for the deer. There were however, other types of tracks. Ahead of me laid my favorite track. It looked like a herd of mice had pulled a stick of stove wood through the snow. There was a trough eight inches wide by three inches deep which was made by a slow-moving porcupine. It led to a base of a large oak which had a cavity in it. This was the porcupine's home. I also saw a few squirrel and chipmunk tracks leading to and from the oak trees.

Time progressed, and I found myself in a 2-year-old clearcut. Again, there were a wide variety of tracks. This is where most of the food sources lay for many species. Rabbits come to feed on the bark of the tender shoots, grouse and deer feed on the buds of the new forest growth, coyote come and feed on any of the above who are not fast enough to get out of their way.

About midday, I stopped to have lunch. Because of lack of room in my pickup, I was not able to bring my dog Prairie along and I missed her. This did have its advantages though. I was getting a whole lunch rather than sharing. But I missed her company.

While I was eating, I noticed the strangest markings in the snow a few feet in front of me. "What could possibly have made those marks?" I wondered. "Well, holly waa," I mumbled. There were those small mouse tracks going across the snow and all of a sudden they were gone and in its place were two perfect wing prints about a foot across... then nothing. A hawk must have come down and scooped up lunch. Poor mouse, but the prints left by the hawk were beautiful.

I could tell I was nearing the end of my line, because I could hear traffic on the road. With the peacefulness of the bush and all the interesting sights, I was rather sad to be back to civilization.

I was some cold, though, and the fire back at the cabin was beginning to sound good.

That evening, we started discussing all the tracks we had seen and where. Chad had noticed several bobcat tracks and Roger saw many fox and coyote tracks. We all agreed that most of the tracks were found on the edge of harvested areas where food and cover could support the wildlife population. Ken also pointed out that different forest types contain different types of wildlife, but the young forest certainly contained the most varied and abundant.

We closed out the evening with a few contests which probably only foresters have. I won the ugliest wool pants contest. Roger won the "most blue paint on the face" contest, being dubbed Pa Pa Smurf. And, I won another award, too, "the most battle scars on the face." This is usually awarded to the forester who spends more time looking at tracks than at where he is putting his snowshoes.

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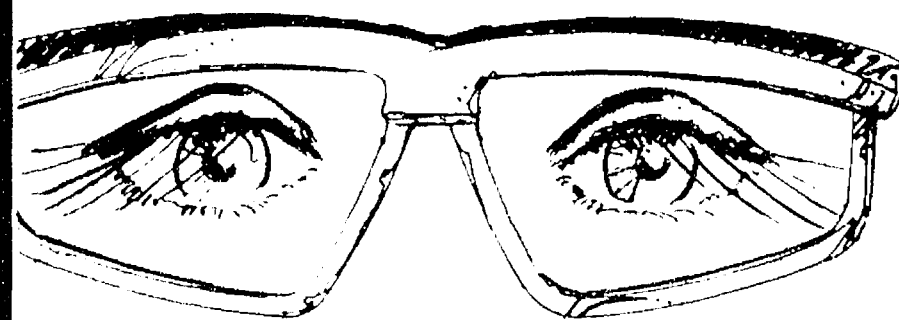
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DEEP IN CHARACTER—GHS students practicing for Spring play, which is scheduled for March 9-11 at Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

GHS Spring play set for March 9-11

By Tina Lobsinger
GHS Publications II

Not just a mystery, or a comedy, or a drama but all three? Yes, the Grayling Players will be back this spring not with one, but with nine plays.

The drama department is taking a new approach to the spring play, presenting nine one-act plays in three nights, March 9-11, at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Each play fits into one of three types — drama (Thursday), mystery (Fri-

day), or comedy (Saturday) — with each night being a different theme.

Bambi Mansfield, director, said she chose one-act plays "to get more students involved."

The plays include almost 60 students, along with 10 student directors.

"I want the students to have the experience of working with all aspects of the plays and directing," said Mansfield.

The following plays will be presented:

March 9

Just Like Old Times

Director: Sarah Amman (11) and Erica Hinkle (11)

Plot: About a group of friends reunited at a funeral because one of the members of the "Dramarama," their club, has died.

Mirrors

Director: Michael Amman (12)
Plot: About death in families and

how the other family members deal with it.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly
Director: Mary Wakeley (10)

Plot: A moving play about the experiences of a young girl in a Nazi concentration camp and the love she finds amidst the hate.

March 10

Fall of the House of Usher
Director: Nat Rosi (12)

Plot: Roderick and Madeline Usher are the two remaining members of the Usher family. As Madeline is gradually dying from a family disease, Roderick calls on childhood friend Andrew to assess and sell the Usher estate. After the death of Madeline, Roderick, afflicted with the same disease, says he hears his sister Madeline shifting in her coffin.

Tell Tale Heart

Director: Jake Lepsy (12)
Plot: About a psychopath who kills a man and buries his heart under the floor, only later to "hear" the heart beating.

Sorry, Wrong Number

Director: Lee Taylor (12)
Plot: A suspenseful, nail-biting story of an invalid woman who overhears plans for her own murder over the telephone.

March 11

Snow White and the Seven Little Men

Director: Mandy Duvall (12)
Plot: A satire of the real "Snow White."

Mark Twain in the Garden of Eden
Director: Bryan Bearss (12)

Plot: A play about human nature. It shows that no matter what, humans will be humans and will make mistakes, learn from them and develop.

Cinderella

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Plot: A satire of Cinderella and "funny in a stupid way," said Taylor.

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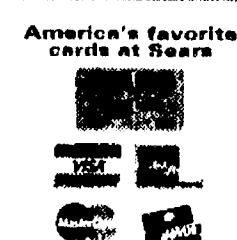
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